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The "National Enquirer" is a trashy newspaper which specializes in photographs and feature articles dealing with sex and crime. Among the features in the "National Enquirer" is a column entitled "Washington Pipeline" by John Henshaw. Henshaw's column in the April 5, 1964, issue of the "National Enquirer" states, in part:

"Martin Luther King, Jr. isn't happy about the detailed report that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has compiled about some of his past associations with communists. In order to limit the FBI's future role in civil rights investigations, King has launched a backstage campaign to get President Johnson to transfer the authority to U.S. Treasury Department law enforcement agencies and to specially established corps of U.S. marshals."

Undoubtedly, this item in Henshaw's column is based upon the article entitled "The Hammer of Civil Rights" by Martin Luther King, Jr., which appears in the March 9, 1964, issue of "The Nation." By memorandum dated March 20, 1964, F. J. Baumgardner advised Mr. Sullivan that King's article in "The Nation" had been reviewed and was found to contain no references to either the Director or the Bureau. Mr. Baumgardner's memorandum noted, however, that King's article suggested the use of U. S. Marshals and investigative agencies of the Treasury Department to counter racist factions, particularly in the South.

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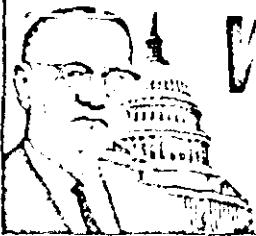
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# WASHINGTON PIPELINE

By JOHN HENSHAW

## Lodge Writing Letters Behind LBJ's Back

WASHINGTON — Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, the hottest Republican dark horse in the Presidential race, has written a number of the same type of letters that got General Douglas MacArthur recalled during the Korean War.

Lodge has written to his close political friends in Congress, urging them to support his recommendations to carry the South Vietnam war into the communists' privileged sanctuary in North Vietnam.

Ambassador Lodge, the unsuccessful GOP Vice Presidential candidate in 1960, has revealed to these GOP legislators that he has recommended to President Johnson that the U.S. conduct hit-and-run air raids on industrial plants in North Vietnam and send guerrillas across the border to disrupt movement of communist arms into South Vietnam.

In 1951, General MacArthur's letters to the then Speaker of the House, Joseph Martin, urging him to support his recommendations to carry the war into Communist China, resulted in the General's recall by President Truman.

Congressional friends of Lodge report that the Ambassador plans to resign with a blast against the Johnson Administration if his recommendations about South Vietnam are rejected.

Both Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and Secretary of State Dean Rusk oppose any extension of the war into North Vietnam by U.S. military forces. If President Johnson supports Lodge's recommendations for U.S. air raids on North Vietnam, these two top cabinet members are threatening to resign.

Already, Ambassador Lodge has protested a McNamara-Rusk order prohibiting U.S. helicopters from flying closer than three miles to the border of Cambodia. According to Lodge, the Viet Cong communist forces, after striking at South Vietnamese army units, move back across the border into Cambodia. He claims that the helicopter rule hinders the U.S.-supported efforts to destroy these Red guerrillas.

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Attorney General Robert Kennedy is the godfather and Mrs. Peter Lawford the godmother of Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver's new heir, Mark Kennedy Shriver, who was born last February 18.

## McNamara Man to Watch for Vice President

Defense Secretary Robert McNamara is the man to watch as President Johnson's running mate. He is being encouraged by a group of White House staff members — led by Clifton Carter, the President's chief political advisor — to make a series of speeches this spring and summer throughout the U.S. to determine public reaction before the Democratic convention, beginning on August 24.

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They are telling McNamara to woo labor leaders Walter Reuther and George Meany. The White House interest in McNamara has the approval of President Johnson, who is trying to slow down efforts by Attorney General Robert Kennedy to influence key Democrats to pressure the President into putting Bobby on the ticket as the Vice Presidential candidate.

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U.S., French and British intelligence agencies are warning anti-communist leaders in the three countries they are marked targets for assassination.

They point out that Kiyoharu Tanaka, the leading Japanese anti-communist, was shot recently by a young communist assassin who received his instructions in Moscow.

The three intelligence services estimate that the Kremlin has trained more than 100 assassins who have been given assignments in the Western world.

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Mrs. Lyndon Johnson has decided to keep Rene Verdon, the French-born chef who was hired by Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. The President likes the way that Rene prepares such delicacies as Filet of Beef Wellington (a tender steak covered with pate de foie gras and baked in a pastry shell) and Dame Blanche Diplomate (a dessert made of light sponge cake filled with liqueur-soaked fruits and topped with meringue). A bachelor, Rene lives on the third floor of the White House above the Johnsons' private quarters. His hobby is fishing.



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On March 31, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Wyatt Walker (Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) contacted Ann Jones (who is the wife of Clarence Jones) on that date. Ann Jones asked if the 17th would be all right, and Walker indicated that the 17th would be fine. It was agreed by Ann Jones and Walker that a collection would be made prior to Martin Luther King's speaking, and it was agreed that Wyatt Walker should make the remarks prior to the collection. Ann Jones mentioned that they had not been able to get Manhattan College for the affair, but she said that they were attempting to get some other place. She asked

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if the local (civil rights) organizations which will sponsor the meeting could keep ten per cent of the net (proceeds), and Walker replied that he thought it would be all right but that Ralph (Abernathy, SCLC Financial Secretary - Treasurer) would have to make the decision. In connection with this, Ann Jones remarked that they need this money to do something locally about the Civil Rights Bill.

Wyatt Walker mentioned that he would probably be in contact with Clarence (Jones) on Wednesday night and that he would let Ann know if King would be available for a small get together prior to the speech for fund raising purposes.

On March 31, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Ann Jones contacted Clarence Jones on that date. She told him that she is going to make an attempt to get the Horace Mann School (231 West 246th Street) or Public School 141. Clarence stated he would contact Ted Kheel in regard to a reception following King's speech. He added that the SCLC is only interested in the fund raising aspects of this appearance.

Ann Jones remarked, on March 31, 1964, in regard to Martin Luther King's visit to Riverdale on April 17, 1964, that King and his group would be coming up (to New York) right after their two day SCIC meeting in Washington. She mentioned that the groups sponsoring this affair are MARD (Marblehill, Riverdale and Kingsbridge for Civil Rights), The Committee for Defense of Human Rights, The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Committee on Intergroup Relations.

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On March 31, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King and Ralph Abernathy (Financial Secretary - Treasurer of the SCLC) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones said that he spoke to Ruth Bailey today and that her main contention is that she wants severance pay plus unemployment insurance. He stated that Bailey told him this after he told her that her employment with the SCLC was being terminated. King said that he and Abernathy have agreed that Bailey should be kept with the SCLC in some capacity since the SCLC is Bailey's life. Jones stated that he was in agreement with this, and he mentioned that he knows Bailey is a dedicated person. King suggested that Bailey could work with Adele Kanter (recently employed by the SCLC) as Kanter's office manager, and Abernathy indicated that he agreed with this. Jones said that he had no objection to this, but he remarked that Bailey must not be given the impression that she has a general over-all supervisory capacity of the New York Office of the SCLC. Jones said that Bailey assumed that role after Jack O'Dell left the SCLC. Jones stated that Bailey should be retained only if her duties are defined in detail, and he stated that he would try to set up a working relationship between Bailey and Adele Kanter.

King asked Jones if any attempt had been made to relocate (the New York office) of the SCLC. Jones stated that he had given some thought to moving the SCLC office into the space which is already occupied by the Gandhi Society (15 East 40th Street, New York City), and he remarked that this could be done with a minimum amount of cost to the SCLC. Abernathy suggested that it might be better to stay in the Harlem area, and King stated that Harlem is all right with him but that it is

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such a run-down area. Jones remarked that Harlem would not be a bad location since "even the rats are integrated there now". Jones also mentioned that he has been looking for SCLC office space near the Carver National Bank (Carver Federal Savings and Loan Association, 75 West 125th Street), and Jones suggested the possibility that office space might be donated in Harlem "by the right people". King said that it might be better to keep the SCLC office in Harlem, and he said that he would accept office space if it were donated by District 65, which he said is Cleve's outfit. (Cleveland Robinson is Secretary - Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, 13 Astor Place, New York City). Jones mentioned that District 65 is right in the heart of the "union district". King stated that "we" should keep close to that labor union, and he asked Jones to see if he could set it up with "our man" (Stanley Levison).

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King stated that "since I was asked that question at the press conference in Washington, we can't let our man be out in the open". Jones said, "Dr. King, what happened in Washington is just an indication that they (civil rights opponents) are going to bring Jack O'Dell and Highlander (the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee) back from the grave". King said that is "why I think we should not come for Bayard (Rustin) at this time". Jones agreed with this position. King said that "they" (Senators who might engage in a filibuster in opposition to the Civil Rights Bill) have a long time to talk and will talk about everything "they" can find.

Abernathy asked Jones to advise Ruth Bailey that she is still employed by the SCLC. Jones indicated that he would take care of this.

King stated that financially the SCLC "is really up against it as it takes \$50,000.00 a month to run the SCLC" and he said that the SCLC is just about broke at this time. Jones asked if the SCLC had gotten the money from Rodman Rockefeller (a son of Governor Nelson Rockefeller), and King indicated that the SCLC had not gotten the money (which the SCLC was to receive as a result of King's appearance on February 29, 1964, at a luncheon given by the Urban League of Westchester, New York). King wanted to know when the SCLC would get the \$2500.00 from the Gandhi Society, and Jones replied that he will get the money out as soon as he can get some funds from Harry Wachtel and other people. Jones stated that King will have the \$2500.00 for the SCLC by Friday.

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King mentioned that the man in Hartford (Connecticut) had donated 12 automobiles to the SCLC, and he wanted to know if it is now necessary to insure and register those cars. King also inquired if Jones would know someone who would donate the price of insurance and registration to the SCLC. Jones said he is sure that he can contact someone, and he stated that he might even try to contact some insurance company, such as the Aetna Surety Company (Aetna Casualty and Surety Company) to donate the insurance and the license plates for the cars. King said that he will try to raise money in the next couple of weeks, but he said after that Washington (the Senate action on the Civil Rights Bill) will have him tied up for a month and after Washington there will be Alabama.

King mentioned that he will be at Riverdale, Bronx, New York, on April 17, 1964, and he stated that this occasion should be used to raise funds. Jones stated that Ossie Davis, Sidney Poitier, and maybe more people will help raise funds. Jones mentioned that Mrs. (Ted) Kheel is having a \$50.00 a plate dinner that night (April 17, 1964). King urged Jones to have the Gandhi Society "send the \$250000 as we're about to go out of business".

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On April 1, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information that Ed Clayton (Editor of the "SCLC Newsletter" and Director of Public Relations for SCLC) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Clayton informed Jones that the "SCLC Newsletter" is now being sent to all Congressmen. Clayton stated that Miss Eunice Halsoert, Children's Book Editor, Prentice-Hall Publishing Company, had contacted him about writing a 50 page book for children between the ages of eight to eleven years old. Clayton asked Jones if he would represent/<sup>him</sup> legal counsel in this matter, and Jones agreed to handle the matter. Jones stated that he would contact the Prentice-Hall Publishing Company at Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. According to Clayton, the book is to deal with the life, ideals and ambitions of the Reverend Martin Luther King as they would interest an eight year old.

It is to be noted that Theodore W. Kheel had been the President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights until resignation in late 1963.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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to Executive Order 10450.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known  
as Jack O'Dell, was formerly employed  
as Administrator for the SCLC Office  
in New York, but his services were  
terminated after his CP affiliations  
had received publicity.

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An "Atlanta Journal" newspaper article appeared on December 15, 1957, entitled, "Highlander Director Says School Not Communist, But In Same Field". The article reported the Highlander Folk School was established in September, 1952 by Myles Horton, Director and Donald L. West, a Georgian with a long record of affiliations with Communist front groups. Horton denied that he or the school had ever had any connection with the Communists.

The article stated that Highlander hit the headlines two months ago when the Georgia Commission on Education published a four-page newspaper-size report charging that the institution is a "Communist Training School". The commission, set up by the Georgia Legislature to help preserve segregation, charged that Highlander's race-mixing plans are part of a Communist scheme to create strife. As proof, the commission reported that a number of persons who had been connected with Highlander also had been connected with organizations labeled as Communist fronts by the HCUA.

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The "Atlanta Journal" newspaper of February 23, 1961, carried an article entitled, "Highlanders and Dr. King Join Forces". This article stated that the Atlanta SCLC, headed by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Tennessee controversial Highlander Folk School have joined forces to train Negro leaders for the Southern civil rights struggle. The article said that the Highlander Folk School located in Tennessee Cumberland Mountains had been involved in the past, in several political controversies. It had been staunchly defended by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, among others, but in 1960, a Tennessee State Court revoked its charter after a legislative investigation charged that Communists had lectured there.

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It is to be noted that in the past,  
it has been determined that when King  
and Jones refer to "our friend" and  
"our man", they are referring to  
Stanley Levison.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue  
of August 14, 1953, page seven,  
column one, contains an article captioned,  
"Thurmond Assails A leader of March".  
The article stated that, in answer to  
charges by Senator Strom Thurmond,  
Bayard Rustin admitted joining the  
Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936.  
Rustin also reportedly stated that he  
broke completely with the YCL in  
June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 25,  
1957, page one, column one, contained  
an article which stated that Bayard  
Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters  
League, was one of eight non-Communist  
observers at the Communist Party National  
Convention in 1957.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

With respect to Bayard Rustin, it is to be noted that he has been under consideration by King as King's SCLC representative in the North.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Executive Vice-President for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
on September 12, 1955, and again on  
September 14, 1955, observed Sidney  
Poitier entering 263 Seventh Avenue,  
New York City, which, at that time,  
was the address of the Communist Party,  
USA Headquarters and the New York State  
Communist Party Headquarters.

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On December 29, 1954, Sidney Poitier was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During the course of the interview, Poitier stated, "I am not now a member of the Communist Party and whether I have ever been would be a question of terminology", but he stated that he had never formally been a member of the CP; however, later in the interview, he stated that he had never been a member of the CP. He remarked that he had attended affairs at which current events and politics were discussed, and he stated that these might have been construed by some individuals as CP meetings. Poitier also stated that he had associated with people whom he believed to be Communists. During the interview, Poitier said that he had received the "Daily Worker" for many months, although he neither personally subscribed to it nor rejected it. Poitier advised that he was acquainted with Ben Davis.

(b) On May 7, 1962, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ben Davis, on May 6, 1962, while addressing the Crown Heights Forum in Brooklyn, New York, stated that he was the National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

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- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

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(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 4/1/64

FROM: SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Bufile 100-3-116  
Newark file 100-4284TT  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Bufile 100-106670  
Newark file 100-47520

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 3/19/64 and Atlanta  
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Newark has no information to indicate whether DAVE,  
who spoke to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on 3/16/64, is DAVE  
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(1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548) DATE OF REVIEW FOR  
DECLASSIFICATION 4-1-84  
SUBJECT: CPUSA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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(OO:NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a LHM dated 4/1/64, and copies are enclosed for Atlanta and New Haven.

The source used in the LHM is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Indices contain no information identifiable with b(1)  
DICK BATTLE (ph).

It is to be noted that it is believed that Ebenezer and Gwen Hunter (ph) are churches.

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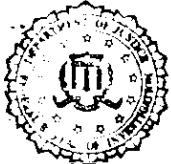
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NY 100-151548

This LHM has been classified "Secret" because it b(2) contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished b7(D) highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

April 1, 1964

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Re: Communist Party, USA  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
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On March 27, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Rabbi Rubenstein (ph) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Rubenstein stated that an invitation was sent to Martin Luther King inviting him to appear at Temple Israel at Westport, Connecticut, on May 22, 1964. Rubenstein also mentioned that he was inviting King and his wife for dinner on that same date. He also invited Jones to this affair. Rubenstein mentioned support of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) including a \$2500 contribution.

On March 30, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Wyatt Walker (Executive Director of the SCLC) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Walker inquired if Jones would be able to make a trip with him to Hartford, Connecticut, on Thursday (April 2, 1964.) According to Walker, Dick Battle (ph) up there (in Hartford) has made an arrangement with a car dealer who, he speculated, "needs to write off something for capital loss", and Walker remarked that this man has 12 automobiles which he wants to give to "us" (the SCLC). Jones stated that this is important enough for him to change his schedule and go with Walker. Walker informed Jones that the cars are to be used for voter registration (the SCLC voter registration program in the South). According to Walker, Martin (Martin Luther King) felt that it would be best to have lawyer (Clarence Jones) go along for this transaction. Walker also remarked that he is certain this man wants to make the gift for tax deductible purposes and for this reason the cars would have to be put in the names of Ebenezer, Gwen Hunter (ph), and United Church of Christ, and he indicated that it would be in connection with "their citizenship program".

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Communist Party, USA  
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for  
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City.

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According to Walker, he would attempt to get a flight to New York at 4:00 a.m. on Thursday (April 2, 1964) and meet Jones in New York in order to go with him to Hartford.

Walker asked Jones if he knew the percentage of de facto segregated schools in New York, and Jones referred him to the National Office of the Urban League to get this information.

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 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION  
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Re telephone call from Atlanta to Tampa 3/6/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies of LHM captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., dated as above at Tampa, Fla. These copies for the Bureau include one copy each for Bureau files on RALPH D. ABERNATHY, DOROTHY COTTON, ANDY YOUNG, CORDY T. VIVIAN, and BERNARD S. LEE. Four copies are designated for Atlanta (three for ATfile on KING, one for AT 100-6520D) and two copies are designated for New York.

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[REDACTED] advised that originally reservations were made for six individuals, two single rooms and two double rooms, however, only four individuals stayed at the San Juan Hotel, and he thinks the other two stayed at the Sadler Hotel in Orlando, which caters to Negroes, however, he did not know their names.

Due to the sensitive nature of this investigation no inquiry was made at the Sadler Hotel concerning these two other individuals who were probably YOUNG and VIVIAN.

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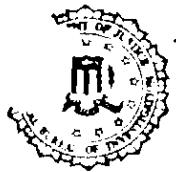
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Tampa, Florida

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

U.D.T.

[REDACTED] Orlando, Florida, Police Department, advised on March 6, 1964, that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and three or four other individuals accompanying him arrived at the Orlando Airport at 2:40 p.m. that date. He stated that KING was met by members of the Orlando Police Department and CURTIS JACKSON, minister of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Orlando. [REDACTED] on March 9, 1964, advised that a policeman was assigned to stay with KING while he was in Orlando and that several policemen were stationed at the public meeting addressed by KING on the night of Friday, March 6, 1964. [REDACTED] said the group left by plane Saturday morning March 7, 1964. [REDACTED] stated there was no incident of any kind during KING's stay in Orlando. He advised that he heard a collection was taken up from the crowd at the Friday night meeting, but he does not know how much money was collected. He said he heard the estimate of 2,000 attending was an exaggeration. He stated KING stayed at the San Juan Hotel.

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[REDACTED] advised on March 9, 1964, that records of this hotel indicate that Dr. MARTIN L. KING occupied Room 303 on the night of March 6, 1964. The only charge to this room was \$7 for room, plus \$.21 tax. [REDACTED] stated there were three others in the KING party; Reverend BERNARD S. LEE and Dr. RALPH D. ABERNATHY occupied Room 301, which connected with Room 303, and Mrs. DOROTHY F. COTTON occupied Room 608 on a different floor. [REDACTED] stated that Mrs. COTTON registered in the hotel on March 5, 1964. He advised that all of them listed as their address, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, except ABERNATHY who did not list any street address. [REDACTED] also stated that charges for all four individuals were transferred to one account and it was requested that these charges be billed to Mrs. DOROTHY F. COTTON, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Charges for the group totaled \$122.21. Of this amount, \$77.21 was one charge for restaurant service on March 6, 1964. [REDACTED] stated that when KING and his party arrived on March 6, it was mid-afternoon and between the lunch and dinner periods, but they wanted something to eat and it was arranged for them

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to get steaks sent to the room for the group arriving and for three or four local individuals who were accompanying them, but whose identities [REDACTED] did not know.

[REDACTED] stated they all checked out on the morning of March 7, 1964. He stated that reservations were made for this group in the name of Reverend CURTIS JACKSON, Shiloh Baptist Church, Orlando, telephone GARden 2-9631. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that there was nothing of an unusual occurrence in connection with KING staying at this hotel except that a police sergeant was stationed outside Rooms 301 and 303 all the time KING was in his room.

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[REDACTED] stated there was no record of any long distance calls by any member of this group. Two local calls were charged to Room 301 on March 6, 1964, one to Cherry 1-4531 (listed to Delta Air Lines) and one to GARden 4-4511 (listed to Eastern Air Lines).

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[REDACTED] advised on March 7, 1964, that KING and his group left Orlando at 9:00 a.m. that date aboard Delta Air Lines flight 742, scheduled to arrive Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:50 a.m.

The daily newspaper "Orlando Evening Star" of March 5, 1964, carried the following article:

#### "King Due In Orlando Tomorrow

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is scheduled to be in Orlando tomorrow for an all-day workshop followed by a mass meeting tomorrow night at Tinker Field.

"The Rev. CURTIS JACKSON, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church at W. Jackson and Terry Streets, who is area president of the SCLC, said the workshop will be held at the church with registration at 9 a.m. and sessions from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

"He said some 200 Negro ministers from throughout Florida are expected to attend.

"The mass meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. If the weather is threatening, it will be moved from Tinker Field to the Central Florida Fair's new air-conditioned Exposition Hall on the fairgrounds on W. Livingston, Rev. JACKSON said.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"Purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the Florida ministerial leadership with plans to perfect the freedom program throughout the state, according to the local minister who also has announced his candidacy for Orlando City Council."

The "Orlando Evening Star" of March 6, 1964, carried the following:

**"Integration Effort Unity Urged Here"**

"Forty Negro church pastors and others from over the state heard an appeal for unity in integration efforts in the morning session of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference meeting at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

"Principal speakers at an all-day workshop, which has the goal of forming a state affiliate with the national conference, were the Rev. C. T. VIVIAN, Atlanta, head of the conference's affiliate program, and Mrs. DOROTHY COTTON, director of citizen education of the conference.

"Rev. VIVIAN told the audience, which included two young white men and two young white girls identified as Florida State University students, that the conference will 'have to organize every little county if we're going to bring about the freedom we all seek.'

"Commenting on the civil rights bill, now before the Senate after having passed the House, VIVIAN said that episodes of violence in Birmingham brought the measure 'from the bottom of the agenda to the top...and we are going to see that the bill is not just on the books but a bill in fact.'

"Mrs. COTTON said that the conference has the grand goal of integrating the American Negro into all aspects of American life and urged participation in the conference's citizen education program.

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, president of the conference, is scheduled to address a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Tinker Field. In case of inclement weather, the rally will be at Exhibition Hall on the fairgrounds."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The daily newspaper, "Orlando Sentinel" of March 7, 1964, carried the following:

"2,000 Hear King Push Mix 'Now'

"Braving chilling winds and temperatures in the 50's about 2,000 Negroes with a sprinkling of whites filed into Tinker Field grandstand last night to hear Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., make another of his fiery speeches for 'integration now.'

"The non-violent action proponent repeated many of the statements he had made earlier in the day to a group of Negro pastors from all over Florida and added advice as to what the Negro must do to bring about total immediate integration.

"KING and earlier speakers urged the Negro to exercise his right to vote. He told of the difficulties encountered by the Negro attempting to register in some areas, but said in other places the Negro failed to register merely because of 'complacency, indifference and laziness.'

"Rapping sharply at office holders who KING said were avowed segregationists, he told his audience, 'There is no reason for Florida to have a governor or senators who are segregationists.'

"One of the speakers, who also presided over the rally, was the Rev. CURTIS J. JACKSON, a candidate for Orlando City Commission who asked for the support of both Negro and 'liberal white' voters.

"KING, who received a standing ovation as he came out on the infield, opened his talk with the statement that the 'wind of change is sweeping out an old order and sweeping in a new order in America.' He said, 'in spite of loud noises from places such as Alabama and Mississippi, segregation is on its deathbed and the only thing left to be seen is how expensive its funeral is going to be made by segregationists.'

"He told his Negro listeners that they had a number of challenges to meet and among these is one to make full and constructive use of the freedom they possess.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"He said they must develop a strong action program to get rid of segregation and to destroy the 'myths' that time will solve desegregation problems, and that desegregation cannot be achieved by legislation. He said action will solve the problem and legislation may not be capable of abolishing prejudices, but it can end segregation. 'Law,' he said, 'can't make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me.'

"A Florida affiliate of the Southern Christian Leaders Conference was formed as the result of a conference workshop conducted yesterday at the Shiloh Baptist Church. The action ties together seven independent local affiliates in the state, including one in Orlando, and is expected to be the keystone for addition additional units.

"Highlight of the workshop was an address by KING, SCLC president, who predicted that the SCLC's 110 affiliates will grow to 250 by the end of 1964.

"He referred to the civil rights bill, now before the Senate after having been passed by the House, and urged that Southern Senators opposing the bill be 'exposed.'

"KING said 'I prefer no bill at all if they eliminate the public accommodations and equal employment opportunities provisions.'

"Turning to elections, KING said that President JOHNSON, 'who is almost certain to be nominated by his party, has got to be 'watched a little longer to see what he will do when a (civil rights) crisis comes.' However, he added, 'President JOHNSON has much political sagacity -- he knows he must have the Negro vote.'

"KING said that nearly one half million new Negro voters have been registered in the past 18 months, he expected another 300,000 to be registered 'in the next few months.'

"In other workshop matters, the Rev. C. K. STEELE, Tallahassee pastor and SCLC vice president, said that a protest march on Tallahassee will be held March 27 against the state's 'slow haste' in integrating public facilities and against participation by Florida senators in the expected filibuster over the civil rights bill."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On Friday, March 6, 1964, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be in Orlando to speak during the day to some 200 preachers at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Orlando, and that night at about 8:00 p.m. at Tinker Field, city owned stadium.

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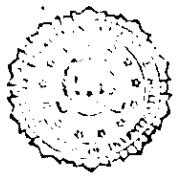
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With respect to Congressman RYAN mentioned in the IHH, it is to be noted that US Representative WILLIAM F. RYAN is a Congressman from NY.

With respect to the mistake made in local politics in Congressman RYAN's district, JONES mentioned that the mistake was attempting to run RALPH ELLISON for the State Senate. It is to be noted that NOEL A. ELLISON was on the ballot for the office of State Senator in New York, but was ruled off the ballot by a court decision in 1/64. It was made public that he had three convictions in gambling charges. A charge of irregularities at the nomination meeting had been aimed at ELLISON.

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On March 24, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. King stated that he had been called by Congressman Ryan who wanted him (King) to speak in New York at a dinner honoring Ryan. King said that he was looking for a way to get out of this, and he indicated that he did not want to make people like Ryan, who are really with them, think that we are not with them. King said that he still wanted to maintain his policy of not making political speeches. Jones cited two reasons why King should not speak: first, King's policy against making political speeches; second, the fact that a serious political mistake was made in Ryan's district concerning local politics. Jones explained that Ryan did not have anything to do with this situation, but he said that it took place in Ryan's district. Jones suggested that King decline the offer to speak but instead send a telegram to be read at the affair suggesting his support for Ryan.

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Jones also suggested that King should only participate in politics on a national basis if at all. Jones stated that if the situation (the campaign for the presidency) gets too close on a national basis King would not have to endorse (President) Johnson, but he could say that he favored one (political) platform over the other.

Jones said that Rodman Rockefeller (a son of Governor Nelson Rockefeller) told him that he was only able to collect approximately \$10,000 for the overall program and that he expressed his regrets.

Jones told King that he had discussed King's tax problems with Jean Daves (who is the publisher's representative for King's forthcoming book) concerning the royalties which King will receive from all of his books. Jones recommended against the use of a charitable trust. King told Jones to be prepared to discuss all of the possibilities with him when they meet in Washington, D.C., on March 26, 1964. King stated that his main purpose was not to accumulate a great deal of money for himself and his family but to give the money to worthy causes. Jones urged King to set up a trust for his wife and children, and he advised that no one could criticize him for that.

Jones inquired about how things are going in Washington to which King replied that things were going well. King mentioned that he had spoken to Walter Fauntroy (Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) bureau in Washington) and that he had advised him (King) to go over to the Senate on Thursday (March 25, 1963), and have Senator Humphrey take him to the family section of the gallery and then make a statement to the press concerning the fact that there will be no compromise on the Civil Rights Bill and that the bill has to be passed. King said that the Southerners (Southern Senators) are now getting "all of the mileage", because they are doing all of the talking.

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King mentioned that they would discuss (at their Washington, D.C. meeting on March 26, 1964) mainly their summer program which, he indicated, will involve Alabama. King stated that they would also discuss the filibuster (which is expected in the Senate regarding the Civil Rights Bill).

Jones and King discussed who King was considering to take Wyatt Walker's position (Executive Director of the SCLC), and Jones suggested C.T. Vivian (Director of Affiliates of the SCLC). King said that he thought Vivian would do a better job where he is. According to King, he has two people in mind for the job, and he said they are (Walter) Fauntroy from Washington, DC, and Blackwell (phonetic), an attorney, who has been a school teacher and was active in Huntsville, Alabama, in the Direct Action Movement.

Jones asked King about speaking to the Reform Group in Westport, Connecticut, on May 22, 1964, and King replied that he did not want to make a commitment until after the meeting in Washington, because the purpose of the meeting was to set up a time table. King stated he would give an answer on Thursday as to whether he would speak.

Jones advised that he would go to Washington, D.C., either on Wednesday night (March 25, 1964) or on Thursday (March 26, 1964) morning on the early shuttle.

The same confidential source also furnished information that Jack Greenberg (of the National Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense Fund) contacted Clarence Jones on March 24, 1964. Greenberg stated that he had learned that Bill Kunstler has been saying that he (Kunstler) has been designated by Martin Luther King to represent the civil rights group which is going to Mississippi. Greenberg stated that it is expected that some members of

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this group will be arrested, and that Kunstler will handle the cases when they go to court. Jones made it known that King never told Kunstler to represent this group, and he remarked that "Kunstler quite frequently lies about being in privity with King". Greenberg remarked that Kunstler and (Arthur) Kinoy have tried to "invade" the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee without much success and are now directing their efforts toward this group.

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It is to be noted that plans have been made to organize approximately 1500 white students from the North to go to Mississippi during the summer to run "freedom schools" and generally protest against the conditions concerning the Negro in Mississippi.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for  
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City.

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William Kunstler is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 29, 1962, that a rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. William Kunstler spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. Kunstler called for the abolition of the HCUA.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 3, 1962, that Kunstler had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The following sources have furnished reliable information in the past.

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH  
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On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952. €

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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On March 19, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Theresa Butcher (an employee of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights) left a message for Clarence Jones at his law office on that date. She stated that information had been received from Martin Luther King that the meeting in Washington had been changed from Wednesday, March 25, 1964, to Thursday, March 26, 1964. She stated that the time of the meeting remains the same.

On March 19, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Theresa Butcher contacted Clarence Jones on that date. She stated that information had been received (from Martin Luther King) that an important meeting of approximately twelve people would be held on March 25, 1964, in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of discussing problems of action in regard to the filibuster (in the Senate concerning the Civil Rights Bill). She indicated that Jones' advice and counsel were being sought in regard to this important

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Internal Security - Communism

course of action. She stated that the meeting will be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel and that reservations will be made for Jones at the hotel. According to Theresa Butcher, the meeting will start at ten in the morning and will last through six in the afternoon.

Jones told Butcher that she should acknowledge his intention to attend the meeting in Washington, D.C., as rescheduled for Thursday, March 26, 1964, at 10:00 AM at the Statler - Hilton Hotel.

On March 20, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Dora Mc Donald (King's secretary) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. She stated that the Salem Methodist Church is having a cotillion at the New York Hilton on March 20, 1964, between the hours of 9:00 PM and 2:00 AM. She said that King is to be presented a plaque and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is to receive a check. According to Mc Donald, neither King nor anyone from Atlanta will be able to attend this affair, and she said that King wanted him (Jones) to go in his place. Jones agreed to go. Jones told her to tell King that he is attempting to contact Rodman Rockefeller (a son of Governor Nelson Rockefeller) to get the donation for the Mt. Zion Church Rebuilding Fund.

The same confidential source furnished information that Clarence Jones subsequently contacted Rodman Rockefeller on that same date and asked how much money Rockefeller had been able to collect for Doctor King's Mt. Zion Church Rebuilding Fund. Rockefeller replied that about \$10,000 had been collected.

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The same confidential source furnished information that Clarence Jones contacted Dora Mc Donald again on March 20, 1964. Jones stated that he contacted Reverend Cooper (phonetic) at the Salem Church and was informed that the affair is to be held on April 3, 1964, rather than tonight. Mc Donald stated she would attempt to determine if any of "our people" (SCLC people) would be able to attend, and she said that if no one is available, Jones may still be called upon to attend.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 21, 1964

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

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DATE 11-19-81 BY SP4/jmw  
6074 Baumgardner

Dr. King, as you know, has for some time been connected with key people in the communist movement. He will be in St. Louis, Missouri, for two or three days beginning Monday, March 23. I have had the St. Louis Office make a very discreet exploration to determine whether or not we could effect proper and secure technical coverage of some of his activities which could be inimical to the security of this country.

This morning I talked on the telephone with SAC Gearty and he told me that it would be possible to secure a room next to King's room, with no doors between them, in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis. King will occupy two rooms there. Mr. Gearty guarantees absolute security for this technical coverage; however, he did say their reliable hotel contact could guess our interest was King.

As much as we would like to get further and conclusive evidence on Dr. King which no person could reject, I do not think that we should in this instance cover Dr. King's activities.

In the light of the above, I believed it necessary that I advise Mr. Gearty not to put on any technical coverage. We all know how explosive a matter this is, and I don't think that we should take the particular kind of risk necessary in this instance.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J.A.Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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Subject JUNE MAIL Martin Luther King, Jr.

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March 20, 1964

Santa Barbara, California 93101

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 15th, and I certainly appreciate the kind sentiments you expressed relative to my efforts as Director of the FBI. It is my hope that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your first suggestion, I would like to point out that information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only.

Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours, ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Counterintelligence Activities

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March 15, 1964

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AFTER 6 DAYS RETURN TO

Santa Barbara, Calif., 3/10/

The Honourable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington 25, D.C.

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DATE 11-19-80 BY SP4 jmw  
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

It came to my knowledge recently that Svenska Akademien in Stockholm is planning to give Nobels peace price to Martin Luther King Jr.

I came from Sweden and I am sad that they are so wrong informed or is it all rotten politic?

I immediately wrote the secretary Fil. Dr. Anders Österling and the King, who is a very fine person, but have no political power, and I told them that M.L.King has broken the law and been in jail several times, and is working with communists for an revolution.

Dr. James Billy Hargis: "Unmasking the Deceiver", enclosed in the letter. Also I told them that if he got the price, it would arouse a storm of embitterings amongst all right informed americans who love their country, and the price would loose its value, and the shame would come over Sweden. I suggested that they write you as the very best source of true information about M.L.King Jr. REC-134 160-106670 - MAR 24 1964

As an great american who have protected us from a communist take over and well deserved the peace price I suggested you, and I think evey right informed person would agree with me that you are well worth of it.

Very truly yours  
FBI CORRESPONDENCE  
[REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164)  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
 SM - C  
 RACIAL MATTERS

The Atlanta Office telephonically advised WFO today that reservations had been requested at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., for March 26, 1964, only for the subject and persons to be listed below. Subject reserving bedroom suite and six rooms with twin beds were to be reserved for the following individuals:

FRED SHUTTLEWORTH  
 MYATT P. WALKER  
 ANDREW YOUNG  
 BAYARD RUSTIN  
 JIM LAWSON  
 BERNARD LEE  
 MILTON REED  
 JOSEPH LOWERY  
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1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Info) (RM)

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Recd 3-11-64

Approved: Thomas Dubois Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

WFO 100-40164

Party to arrive Washington, D. C., 9:00 a.m.  
3/20/64. Purpose of trip not known. No information  
received concerning any planned activities.

No action being undertaken by WFO concerning  
the above information.

Confirming WFO telephone call to the Bureau  
this date.

RE:            BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Summit, New Jersey

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Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 11-19-80 BY SP4 JAM/LB 6076

Mr. Ralph W. Bachman, Special Agent in Charge  
of our Newark Office, has forwarded to me your letter of March 12th  
and copies of prior correspondence with you.

Although your desire for this information is understandable, I regret we are unable to comply with your request in view of the confidential nature of FBI files pursuant to Department of Justice regulations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Newark (100-0)  
Reurlet 3-13-64

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] other than in connection with this matter. The Newark Office by letter dated 1-31-64 forwarded a copy of the leaflet depicting Martin Luther King, Jr., attending the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, in 1957. This leaflet has come to our attention on numerous occasions. It makes several statements alleging communist affiliations of King based on statements by Karl Prussion and it also alleges communist affiliations of Abner W. Berry, Aubrey Williams and Myles Horton, who are in the photograph. [REDACTED] apparently feels his receipt of this leaflet was sufficient basis for an FBI investigation and has demanded to know the results of the investigation if they pertain to the allegations in the leaflet.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/13/64

FROM : *Parkhurst* SAC, NEWARK (100-0 )

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(CRIME RECORDS DIVISION)

ReNKlet to Director, dated 1/31/64, captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING: SM - C," which enclosed to the Bureau a reprint furnished by [REDACTED] from the Augusta Courier, dated 7/8/63.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are Xerox copies of a letter from [REDACTED] dated 1/27/64, a reply to this letter from the Newark Office dated 1/29/64, and a letter from [REDACTED] dated 3/12/64.

Newark files contain no additional information concerning [REDACTED]

In view of the comments made by him in his letter of 3/12/64, it is requested that the Bureau acknowledge this communication.

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March 12, 1964

Mr. R. W. Bachman  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Post Office Box 1158  
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Bachman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 29th in response to mine of January 27th, sending you a piece of literature received by me in the mail, which I considered outrageously false and libelous. In my letter I requested that I be informed as to the results of the investigation. Your reply was to the effect that the files of the F. B. I. were confidential and that you could not comply with my request.

Since I am one of the injured parties, the paper having been sent to me, with a personal message to me on it, I do not see how I am not entitled to be informed as to the outcome of the investigation. I am not asking to see your files, I am simply asking for the results, if any.

Therefore, I repeat once again my request to be informed as to the outcome of your investigation into the source of the mailing and the action taken. If some little time is needed, I will be happy to wait, so long as I eventually receive the information, again, not from your files, but rather the end results. It seems to me that, as a citizen, I am entitled to this.

Very truly yours,

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Post Office Box 1153  
Newark 2, New Jersey

January 29, 1964

[REDACTED]  
Summit, New Jersey

Dear [REDACTED]

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Receipt of your letter dated January 27, 1964, is acknowledged, and your interest in making this information available is appreciated.

I regret to advise you, however, that it will not be possible to comply with your request to be advised of the action taken by this office, inasmuch as the files of the F.B.I. are of a confidential nature and information contained therein is available for official use only.

The inability to furnish any comment regarding this matter should not be interpreted as implying that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the subject of inquiry.

Very truly yours,

*Art*

R. W. Bachman  
Special Agent in Charge

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January 27, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Square  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

The enclosure came to me in the enclosed envelope and I am turning it over to you for investigation, since it came through the mails in the ordinary course of delivery. In so far as the numbered charges are concerned, I know that Number 3 is false and also know enough about Number 4 to know that the school in question is offensive solely because it is or was inter-racial and that the title is false.

As to Number 1, I wonder if and to what extent there is truth as to the counterspy and his charges.

At any rate, mails are being used to spread false and incorrect information and I will be interested to learn of the action you will take and its results.

I assume that I was the recipient of the sheet because I am chairman of the Open Housing Committee [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

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              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH  
SUBJECT: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Bureau file (100-3-116)  
Savannah file (100-5077)

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DATE 1/30/79 BY [Redacted]

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
RACIAL MATTERS  
Bureau file (100-548795)  
Savannah file (100-5027)

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Savannah Municipal Airport, Savannah, Ga., advised on 3/12/64  
that six Negro males arrived in Savannah on Delta Air Lines  
at 1:02 PM on 3/12/64.

Reverend KING and Reverend LEE, ministers,  
(FNU) WALKER and (FNU) SHUTTLESWORTH made reservations  
to leave on flight 634 to Atlanta, Ga., at 4:00 PM on 3/13/64.

⑤ Bureau (3-100-3-116) (RM)  
(1- 100-438794) (SCLC)  
(1- 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
1- Cincinnati (157- FRED SHUTTLESWORTH) (Info) (RM)  
2- New York (1- 100-151548) (RM)  
(1- 100-149194) (SCLC)  
8- Atlanta (100-6520) (RM)  
(1- 100-5718) (SCLC)  
(1- 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
(1- 157-621) (ANDREW YOUNG) 0-12 AT SV 3-23-64  
(1- 157-653) (BERNARD LEE) [Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
(1- 157-169) (WYATT WALKER) [Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
(1- 157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY) SC-C CONFERENCE  
(1- 157-710) (DOROTHY GAINES) [Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
3- Savannah (100-5077)  
(1- 100-5027) (100-5056)

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SHUTTLESWORTH was also on the waiting list for Flight 888 from Atlanta to Cincinnati and had confirmed reservations on Flight 418 out of Atlanta to Cincinnati. (FNU) ABERNATHY had a reservation out of Savannah on Flight 350 to Atlanta, leaving at 9:10 AM on 3/13/64. (FNU) LAWSON made a reservation out of Savannah on Delta Flight 430 to Atlanta, leaving Savannah at 8:18 AM, 3/14/64, and continuing on to Memphis on Eastern Air Lines Flight 902, leaving Atlanta at 11:25 AM, 3/14/64.

The "Savannah Evening Press", a daily newspaper published in Savannah, Ga., reported on 3/14/64 that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., met with key affiliate leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) from 12 southern states at Frogmore, S. C. The first national affiliate conference held workshops on key issues concerning the use of nonviolent direct action during 1964. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., spoke and personally held a workshop concerning the necessity "to resist the degrading evils of segregation, but resist nonviolently".

The conference agenda dealt with the dynamics of a direct action campaign, the theory and philosophy of nonviolence, voter registration and economic withdrawls.

On 3/13/64 [redacted] advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and party were late for Flight 634 out of Savannah at 4:00 PM on 3/13/64 and the standby passengers had already been seated. The entire party then made new reservations out of Savannah. b7(D)

Rev. KING, Rev. LEE, SHUTTLESWORTH, ABERNATHY, WALKER, (FNU) DAVIS and a Miss (FNU) MASON all made reservations out of Savannah on Flight 448, leaving Savannah at 7:50 PM and arriving in Atlanta, Ga., at 9:20 PM. Rev. KING and Rev. LEE also made reservations out of Atlanta on United Air Lines Flight 350, leaving Atlanta at 2:45 AM, 3/14/64 and arriving in New York City at 4:35 AM the same date.

SHUTTLESWORTH also made reservations on a flight out of Atlanta, Delta Flight 60, leaving at 3:09 AM, 3/14/64, and arriving at Cincinnati at 4:52 AM the same date.

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DAVIS and Miss MASON made reservations out of Atlanta on Delta Flight 883 to Dallas, Texas, leaving Atlanta at 8:45 AM, 3/14/64, and arriving at Dallas at 9:40 AM.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
 SM-C  
 (OO: Atlanta)

ReBu airtel to NY captioned, "CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; IS-C," dated 3/16/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 3/18/64, and two copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

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DATE 11-19-90 BY SP4 JAm/w

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4-Bureau (100-106670) (Encl. 6) (RM)  
 (1-100-3-116) (CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
 IN RACIAL MATTERS)

2-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 2) (Info) (RM)  
 (1-100-6520) (CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
 IN RACIAL MATTERS)

1-New York (100-151548) (CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST  
 INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS) (414)

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 BY SPP/jad

, MAR 20 1964

GEORGE T. COOPER

Approved:

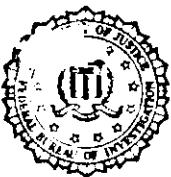
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bu 100-106670

New York, New York  
March 19, 1964

Re: Martin Luther King

The "New York World Telegram and The Sun" on March 10, 1964, contains an article captioned "Negro Leader to Address UFT." According to this article, Reverend Martin Luther King will be the principal speaker at the annual spring luncheon conference of the United Federation of Teachers, Saturday in the Hotel Americana. It was stated that about 2500 persons are expected to attend the luncheon, at which King will receive the annual John Dewey Award.

The "New York Post" of March 10, 1964, contains an article captioned "John Dewey Award Will Go to Martin Luther King." According to the article, Martin Luther King will receive this year's John Dewey Award at the annual luncheon conference of the United Federation of Teachers, Local 2, to be held March 14, at the Americana Hotel. The theme of the conference, according to the article, is "Educational Countdown, New Directions for Teacher Action."

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Re: Martin Luther King

According to a representative of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT), the UFT presents the John Dewey Award annually to an outstanding personality who has made a substantial contribution in education and humanity. The award is given in honor of John Dewey who was a prominent New York educator.

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 ALCOHOLISM. [REDACTED] STATED ON ONE OCCASION [REDACTED] ASKED HIM IF  
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 HE WANTED SUCH A WEAPON [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT IF HE THOUGHT IT  
 WOULD PREVENT INTEGRATION HE WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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The 3/9/64 issue of "The Nation" contains an article on pages 230-234 entitled "The Hammer of Civil Rights" by Martin Luther King, Jr. "The Nation," of course, is the infamous magazine which has a long record of being anti-Bureau and frequently in favor of communists and communist causes.

The article is generally a summary of King's views on recent developments in the civil rights movement and attempts at directing the reader to further action necessary. Neither the Director nor the Bureau are mentioned. However, near the end of the article certain statements appear which may be significant if only by reason of the fact that the Bureau is not mentioned.

King claims that there is genuinely a new South but that it cannot surface without the shelter of Federal power and order. He claims that the dignity of the Federal Government would be enhanced if it arrayed a trained force of Federal marshals. He notes that the country abounds in specialists in law enforcement and suggests that the Administration summon to the White House a conference of experts to deliberate with the highest officials of Government. Participants should include the President and the National Security Council. He suggests as among other participants, heads of the Treasury law-enforcement agencies and in connection with this suggestion states that there is a need to know what is going on in conspiratorial racist circles. He claims that many of the shocking bombings might have been avoided if such knowledge had been available.

He is led to the suggestion of Treasury agencies because the Bureau of Narcotics is extensively experienced in effectively working within secret groups and points out that the alcohol-tax unit of Internal Revenue is probably more familiar with the rural South than is any other agency "because for years it has been tracking down 'moonshiners.'"

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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OBSERVATIONS:

Considering the fact that the Bureau has prime responsibility in the field of Federal law enforcement relating to civil rights laws and that it is well known that the Bureau has been conducting investigations relative to racist bombings, it is most interesting to note that King did not mention the Bureau. It, of course, cannot be positively determined what he has in mind but this could be a backhanded way of taking a slap at the Bureau. Should any reader know of the type of trash put out by "The Nation" he would, of course, attach appropriate significance to King's article.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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SAC, New York (100-151548)

March 19, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116) —

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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which enclosed a letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date  
containing information obtained from [REDACTED] on b(2) b7(D)  
March 11, 1964.

Information is reported from discussions had among principal individuals involved in captioned matter concerning the hiring of Bayard Rustin by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as its Northern Coordinator with headquarters in New York City. Information is also revealed concerning the moving of the duties with the SCLC on the part of Wyatt Walker who is destined to go from Atlanta to New York City to there head up the SCLC office. It appears from the information reported that there may be developing, or at least there is considerable potential for development, certain animosities between Walker and Rustin. A principal "bone of contention" might well be as to who will have authority over whom in the SCLC setup in the North, particularly in New York City.

The situation described in the referenced LHM might well develop to a point where it will be a weak link, potential for Bureau exploitation in neutralizing the influence of Martin Luther King because of the communist connections and associations he has. Receiving offices are instructed to watch this situation very carefully and attempt to develop additional information, commensurate with full security, relative to our continuing investigation, which would indicate some possible counterintelligence move on the part of the Bureau. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of all developments.

Any appropriate observations and/or recommendations from receiving offices are welcomed by the Bureau.

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Communist Party, United States  
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Negro Question

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On March 11, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Levison stated that he had spoken to Martin (Martin Luther King) in regard to Bayard (Rustin), and he mentioned that a conclusion had been reached. Jones asked Levison if King had told him about Wyatt (Walker, who is Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)), and Levison indicated that he and King had discussed this at great length. In regard to this, Jones mentioned that Walker had informed him that he (Walker) is going to be Director of the New York Office (of the SCLC). Jones also mentioned that Walker is concerned that he could not be director if Rustin is to be the Northern Coordinator (of the SCLC). According to Jones, Walker claimed that this is the reason that the decision to hire Rustin is to be vetoed. Levison also stated that he agreed with King that it is not wise to take Rustin on now with a filibuster (on the Civil Rights Bill in the Senate, apparently in the offing), but he said there is no question that he should be hired after the filibuster. Levison said that he made the point with King that Rustin should be paid at once, inasmuch as it would not be right to have him committed to the job and expect him to fend for himself for a period of perhaps two months. He stated that King agreed with his position. Levison said that he made this point, not only because he felt that it was proper, but also because he "wanted it pinned down."

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Communist Party, United States  
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Levison stated that he "violently objected to the Wyatt thing" (Walker's opposition to Rustin), but he mentioned that he could see that Rustin and Walker would be unable to get along. Levison remarked that King is not anxious to have Walker as an enemy and does not want Walker to leave (the SCLC) under circumstances where he would be hostile. According to Levison, King said that "Wyatt and Bayard will be subject to the same committee", and Levison stated that he told King that under those circumstances they could suffer along with Wyatt. Jones remarked that Walker wanted to make it clear that Rustin would be responsible to him (Walker), and this prompted Levison to reply that was not right that both would be responsible to "the committee." Continuing, Levison said if Walker leaves the SCLC, he (Levison) would not hesitate to tell Walker where he stands. Levison also said that he does not agree with King on "the hostile thing," and he added that he is afraid that Walker will stay with the SCLC to its detriment.

Levison stated that King wanted Jones and himself to see Rustin in order to explain the delay and when he can plan to start. Levison mentioned that he feels Rustin has much to do in the next 60 days in the way of preparation with which he can busy himself. Levison advised that Rustin should be paid inasmuch as he will be setting up an office and working out procedures, and he added that none of this has to come to public attention.

Levison told Jones that they would have to talk about some observations of things that exist there (in Atlanta). Jones indicated that he would try to arrange an appointment to see Rustin tomorrow, and Levison replied that would be all right with him.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA). *(b)*

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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On March 16, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Levison stated that he had been to the office of Rodman Rockefeller (who is a son of Governor Nelson Rockefeller). Jones asked Levison how Martin Luther King had made out at the luncheon, and Levison replied that (Rodman) Rockefeller did not say. In regard to the luncheon for Martin Luther King, Jones mentioned that the money (which had been raised) was divided in half between King and the Urban League. Jones stated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was apparently assuming some of the responsibility for raising money for the three bombed out churches (in Georgia). Levison stated that he was

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opposed to the SCLC giving money to these churches. Jones remarked that the sum raised at the luncheon could come to as much as \$25,000 and that this money would be given to these churches. Levison commented that this would be a bad situation in that no one would even know that the money came from the SCLC.

Levison remarked that the SCLC needs a good executive director, and he stated that he thought C. T. Vivian would be excellent in this position. Levison stated that it would be better to have C. T. Vivian (Director of Affiliates for the SCLC) in this position rather than an outsider who is not acquainted with the dealings of the SCLC.

Levison told Jones that he would have to call Ruth (Bailey, an employee of the SCLC) to tell her that she is through as of the 15th. Jones said that he would take care of this and would also send a letter to Ralph (Abernathy, Treasurer of the SCLC) to advise him accordingly. Levison asked Jones if Adele (Kanter, an employee of the SCLC) could be given space in the Gandhi Society office, 15 East 40th Street, New York City, and Jones replied that she could have space there and indicated that it could be permanent.

Jones mentioned to Levison that he had heard that Bayard Rustin had received an \$11,000 grant from the Urban League. Jones said he was not sure of the exact nature of the grant, but he said it had something to do with civil rights and poverty.

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Levison said that he was certain that Tom Kahn, whom he described as a young Socialist who was living with Rustin, had put ideas in Rustin's head and Levison suggested that this could be the reason that Rustin could not work with "us". Both Levison and Jones agreed that Rustin is being arrogant by his action of not contacting them. Levison stated that Rustin has a grievance against King and him (Levison) because he feels that they let him down. Jones said that he could not even locate Rustin's working place, but he said that he thought Rustin was using an office with Norm Hill at the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Jones stated that Rustin has not used Cleveland Robinson's office since the March on Albany.

Jones mentioned that there is a possibility that Martin Luther King may be in New York on Thursday or Friday.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
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The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

(C) [REDACTED] that Thomas David Kahn admitted being a member of the Young Socialist League (YSL) from 1955 to 1957, and a member of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) from 1957 to 1961, and a member of the National Executive Committee of the YPSL during this same period.

On February 29, 1964, Martin Luther King spoke at a luncheon meeting given by the Urban League of Westchester, New York. It was held at the Rockefeller Estate at Pocontico Hills, Westchester, New York. The luncheon was part of a fund raising campaign, and Rodman Rockefeller was the luncheon host.

The March on Albany, New York took place on March 10, 1964, and was a demonstration for civil rights legislation.

Cleveland Robinson is Secretary-Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Workers Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

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APPENDIX

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954 issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge", published as page three of "Labor Action", an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. Siteman, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee", had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce", a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL". He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon

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by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL rank ~~is~~ is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL. The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action". Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The September 22, 1958 issue of "Young Socialist Challenge", which appeared as page five of "Labor Action", contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League".

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

All sources have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Source used in the LHM is [REDACTED] b(2) b7D

Sources used in the characterizations are as  
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The following information concerns ADELE KANTER who was recently hired by the SCLC:

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that ADELE CANTOR contacted CLARENCE JONES on that date. During the course of their discussion she mentioned to JONES that she is a relative of GLORIA CANTOR who is JONES' girlfriend.

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JONES stated on that date that ADELE KANTER is not related b7(D)  
to GLORIA CANTOR and spells her name differently. He stated  
that ADELE lives at 303 W. 66th St., NYC.

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory contains a listing for ADELE KANTER, 303 W. 66th St., NYC, EN 2-8206.

Indices of the NYO contain no information identifiable with ADELE KANTER.

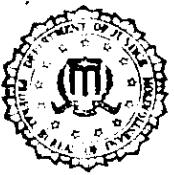
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on 3/12/64, reflect that Miss ADELE KANTER, as of June, 1960,  
resided at 303 W. 66th St., NYC, and prior to that she resided  
at 127 W. 96th St., NYC. As of June, 1960, she was employed  
by Fair Fax, Inc., 270 Madison Ave., as production manager  
and had been employed there since 1948. She was described  
as being single and as of November, 1952, was said to be  
in her late 30's.

This LHM has been classified "Secret", because b(2)  
it contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the b7(D)  
racial situation in the NY area and Communist infiltration  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 13, 1964, that Stanley Levison conferred with Clarence Jones on that date. They took the opportunity to discuss the administration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Office. In this regard Levison said Ruth (Bailey, an employee of the New York Office of the SCLC) should not be compensated subsequent to March 15, 1964. Jones agreed, adding that this ties in with the reorganization of the SCLC Office.

During their conference, Levison remarked that Ralph (Rev. Abernathy, Treasurer of the SCLC) has to be instructed to pay Adele's (Kanter, employee of the New York Office of the SCLC) salary retroactive to the date she went to work and weekly thereafter. They agreed that Jones should send a letter to Ralph (Abernathy) instructing him not to honor any bills of the New York SCLC Office after March 15, 1964, except for the rent of the office.

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On March 14, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Cleveland Robinson on that date. Jones mentioned that after the meeting held at Charlotte, North Carolina, Martin Luther King had a meeting with Bayard Rustin and the possibility of Rustin's joining the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff was discussed. Jones said there was to be further discussion in regard to this by March 15, but Jones stated that Rustin has only contacted him once since that time and now does not seem to be interested. Jones stated that he feels the reason that Rustin is no longer interested is because he wants to be directly responsible to King and no one else, and Jones stated that the decision had been made that Rustin would be responsible to an informal committee consisting of Cleveland Robinson, George Lawrence, Stanley Levison, and himself (Clarence Jones). Jones stated that Rustin wanted to be the Northern Representative of Martin Luther King, and Jones remarked that he and King decided that this was not a good idea.

Jones told Robinson that he understands Rustin has been going from one organization to another trying to see where he could get the best position. Robinson remarked that Rustin told him that he had been offered jobs by the Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Continuing, Robinson said that Rustin made the comment that he was not interested in working for anyone including the SCLC and what he wanted was some type of independent position set up under A. Philip Randolph where he could operate in a free-lance fashion.

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According to Robinson, Rustin absolutely refused to take instructions, and as examples of this Robinson cited the boycott (of New York City Public Schools), the March on Washington, and the March on Albany. Robinson stated that Rustin is completely unsatisfactory and completely unreliable. According to Robinson, Rustin sent a telegram to Syracuse University where he was to give a speech to inform them that he was ill and would not be able to appear but did attend a party at the Soviet Mission (to the United Nations) on that same evening. Robinson stated that because of this and the other things which he mentioned he would not recommend Rustin for "dogcatcher". Robinson further advised that if King discussed Rustin with him he would have to advise against hiring Rustin in any capacity.

Jones told Robinson that Wyatt Walker (Executive Director of the SCLC) would no longer be associated with the SCLC after June 1, 1964, and that he is taking a job with a book company in New York. Jones said that he would like King to talk to Robinson and Jones agreed that they must find someone in the North to be an effective coordinator in the North for Martin Luther King.

On March 14, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison in that date. Jones mentioned that he had a discussion with Cleveland Robinson, and he stated that he had been unable to contact Rustin. Jones remarked that it appears as though Rustin is not interested in a job with SCLC or anyone else if he cannot have a free hand. Jones mentioned that he thinks Rustin will go to work for the Congress of [redacted]

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Racial Equality (CORE) or Phil Randolph. Levison indicated that would be all right. Levison stated that he thinks he and Jones should get together and talk about other problems such as an executive director in Atlanta to take Wyatt Walker's place and how the SCLC should function in New York on this basis. Levison said he is inclined to think, at this point, it would be better not to hire Rustin because it would be like buying a lot of trouble and that Rustin's assets only outweighed his liabilities if he would submit to discipline.

On March 14, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Bernard Lee (an assistant to Martin Luther King) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Lee advised that Martin Luther King was presently at the Americana Hotel. Lee stated that he had been instructed to contact Jones to determine what stand King should take concerning the Triboro Bridge incident and the Monday Boycott. Jones stated that King should take a middle of the road approach stating that it might be necessary for Negroes to take such steps in order to awaken a seemingly complacent group of city officials. Jones suggested that King really blast the Parent and Taxpayers Association as being the counterpart to the White Citizens Council in the South. Jones suggested that King contact Cleveland Robinson.

The source advised on March 14, 1964, that Stanley Levison conferred with Clarence Jones on that date. Their conversation was in regard to a recent discussion they had had with Bayard (Rustin). Levison said Bayard's conduct

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at the time had brought out the Bayard that he did not like. He said Bayard had agreed earlier with them, but subsequently contended that he had agreed to something quite different. Levison said he was trying to get something better by this action.

Jones said that as a consequence of Bayard's action, the absence of a director in Atlanta was far more devastating. Levison agreed, but added that New York (SCLC) does not need anyone other than Adel Kanter (employee of SCLC in New York).

The "New York Post" of March 10, 1964, contains an article captioned "John Dewey Award Will Go To Martin Luther King". It was stated in the article that Reverend Martin Luther King will receive this year's John Dewey Award at the annual luncheon conference of the United Federation of Teachers, Local 2, to be held March 14, at the Americana Hotel.

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With respect to the information concerning a meeting at Charlotte, North Carolina, it is to be noted that on January 20, 1964, Bayard Rustin went to Black Mountain, North Carolina, to attend a "retreat conference" which was being held by Martin Luther King and the SCLC.

On February 7, 1964, King and Rustin met at the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York City.

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Cleveland Robinson is Secretary Treasurer of District 65 of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers Union, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Robinson was chairman of the Administrative Committee of the March on Washington.

A. Philip Randolph was the Director of the March on Washington and is a Vice-President of the AFL-CIO.

George Lawrence is a Brooklyn, New York, minister, who has been active in the SCLC.

The March on Washington, which took place on August 28, 1963, in Washington, DC, was a civil rights demonstration.

The March on Albany, New York, took place on March 10, 1964, and was a demonstration for civil rights legislation.

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The boycott of New York City Public Schools took place on February 3, 1964. The purpose of the boycott was to protest alleged racial imbalance in New York City Public Schools. Another boycott of New York City Public Schools was to take place on March 16, 1964.

A demonstration sponsored by CORE took place on March 6, 1964, at the Triboro Bridge to protest housing conditions in East Harlem.

The Parent Taxpayers Association is a group in New York City which is opposed to the bussing of school children out of the district in order to effect integration.

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Fourlet 3/8/64, copies to New York, bearing the above caption as well as "Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C."

It was reported that a Mrs. Leonard Farber of White Plains, New York, had been in contact with the office of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, Georgia, and that Mrs. Farber has a sister in Atlanta named Miss Florence Robins. Further information is to the effect that Mrs. Farber plans to visit Atlanta to interview the wife and father of Martin Luther King, Jr., in connection with a book she is writing about King, Jr.

On the basis of the information furnished, both Mrs. Leonard Farber and her sister are not identifiable in Bufiles.

Receiving offices should remain alert to information obtained concerning any further contacts of Farber with King and keep the Bureau apprised of pertinent developments. It is assumed that the Atlanta Office indices are negative as to Florence Robins. If this not be the case, Atlanta should furnish any available information in its files. New York should check its indices concerning the Farber woman and make pertinent information available to the Bureau.

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IS - CRebulet dated 3/11/64 and Atlanta letter dated  
3/3/64.A review of Chicago indices reflects no information  
identifiable with ALEX POINSET.Re Atlanta letter indicates MARTIN LUTHER KING's  
secretary was in contact with POINSET, Chicago, telephone  
Calumet 5-1000, on 2/28/64.A check of Illinois Bell Telephone Company, reflects  
Chicago, reflects Calumet 5-1000 is listed to Johnson  
Publishing Company, 1800 South Michigan, Chicago.It is noted that Johnson Publishing Company publishes  
both "Ebony" and "Jet" magazines, both of which have carried  
numerous articles relating to the civil rights issue and  
"freedom movement".It is further noted that MARTIN LUTHER KING was in  
Chicago on 12/18 - 19/63, and during that time, according

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to sources of the Chicago Office, was in contact with one ALVIN C. ADAMS of "Jet" magazine. (Chicago indices negative re ADAMS)

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Available information at Chicago, set forth above, would tend to indicate there is no connection between POINSET and the NCAHUAC, but rather that contact between KING's office and the Johnson Publishing Company relates to legitimate publishing activity on the civil rights issue.

Chicago will remain alert for any information concerning the questionnaire mentioned in rebulet and will promptly furnish same to Bureau and interested offices.

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FROM SAC, NEW YORK {100-151548)  
(100-144189)  
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that the current issue of "Freedomways" magazine, which is the first quarter of 1964 issue, is a special issue devoted to the southern freedom movement.

For the information of the Bureau, it is pointed out that there are photographs in this issue of persons active in civil rights activities in the South. Two of these pictures are of a Southwide conference of voter registration specialists in Atlanta, Ga., showing MARTIN LUTHER KING "and other leaders of the SCLC". In these photographs, which are undated, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL is seated next to KING.

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The current issue of "Freedomways", which is the first quarter of 1964 issue, is self-identified as being a special issue devoted to "The Southern Freedom Movement."

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, is set forth on the attached appendix page.

Editorially, this issue notes that its contents concern "developments on the southern battle fronts" and that they had promised their readers that this issue "would represent the most comprehensive coverage of the Freedom Movement in the South ever to appear in a single issue of an American magazine."

Another editorial comments on the assassination of President Kennedy and notes "the climate of violence and barbarism which took his life, and the life of many others in the South during 1963." It adds, "We know that the murderers of the Birmingham children have not been caught, and we are not

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"at all certain that everyone involved in the assassination of President Kennedy has been caught. The beating and subsequent lynching of Lee Harvey Oswald, in the basement of the Dallas courthouse, fits an all too familiar pattern of southern police work, which has been repeated many times in our nation's history. This is not the first time that 'southern justice' apparently found it more convenient to have the accused person dead, than to have him alive and given a fair trial as the Constitution provides."

This issue also extends a welcome home to "the beloved artist, Paul Robeson" on his return to America after five years abroad.

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The Late City Edition of "The New York Times," December 23, 1963, reported that Paul Robeson left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport.

According to the article, Paul Robeson once said he loved "the Soviet people more than any other nation because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future in this world."

Most of the questions directed at Robeson on his arrival in New York City on December 22, 1963, were answered by his wife who told reporters that her husband still thinks Communism is "terrific".

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Among the principal articles in the current issue of "Freedomways" is one by J.H. O'Dell, entitled, "The Southern Power Structure." In this article, O'Dell comments

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on the alleged telephone call made by the Chairman of the Board of United States Steel Corporation at the height of the demonstrations in Birmingham in the Spring of 1963, which is given the credit for getting representatives of the power structure in Birmingham to meet with leaders of the Birmingham movement. He states that the Birmingham events were the beginning of "using the tools of economic and social analysis to advance the cause of the Freedom Movement." O'Dell goes on to state that this requires identifying the "power structure" in each community and finding ways of dealing with it.

He identifies Southern-based corporations in this article and deals at some length on the economic situation in Mississippi. He closes his article by commenting that "As the freedom movement renews its efforts to achieve its objectives, the possibilities of success will increase as the role of the southern power structure is better understood through the test of experience."

O'Dell is identified in the magazine as having been active in the Southern Freedom Movement for many years, "as a labor organizer, voter registration consultant and on the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference."

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Henry O. Mayfield also contributed an article to this issue "Memoirs of a Birmingham Coal Miner" in which he briefly mentions the conditions that existed in the coal mines in the early 1930s when he was employed in the mines. He then comments on the organizing drive to organize the coal and ore miners and credits Negroes for organizing labor unions in the South.

In a footnote to this article, Mayfield is described as Chairman of the Board of Freedomways Associates who wrote the above article shortly before his death on December 31, 1963.

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Among the other contributors to this issue of "Freedomways" is Augusta Strong, whose article is entitled, "Southern Youth's Proud Heritage." In this article she traces the history and achievements of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949. In the article she pays tribute to the roles of Edward Strong, "the first executive secretary of the SNYC," James Edward Jackson, "one of the initiators of the SNYC," Esther Cooper Jackson, one of the "leaders" of the SNYC, and Louis E. Burnham, "the organizational secretary."

A footnote to this article reflects that Augusta Strong was associated with the SNYC from its beginning, having been editor of its newspaper and holding other "important posts."

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Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker," April 18, 1954, page 11,  
announced that Mrs. Augusta Strong, a  
new colleague, had joined the staff.  
"The Worker" was then the Sunday edition  
of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast  
Communist newspaper which ceased  
publication on January 13, 1958.

Edward Strong was indicted on May 29,  
1956, by a Federal Grand Jury, District  
of Massachusetts, Boston, for violation  
of the Smith Act of 1940. He was released  
on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial.

The records of the Board of Health,  
New York City, reflect that Strong  
died on April 9, 1957.

The Winter, 1962 issue of "Freedomways"  
states that this issue is dedicated "to  
our beloved brother whose original plans  
for the magazine we strive earnestly to  
carry out - Louis E. Burnham".

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MD This issue also contains articles from Gloria Richardson, who is described as the Chairman of the Cambridge Maryland Nonviolent Action Committee; Slater King, who is described as the acting president of the Albany, Georgia Movement; and the Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, who is described as the President of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.

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APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

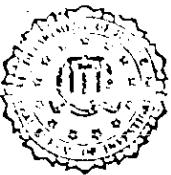
On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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On March 2, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Jones asked Levison if he and Adele Cantor (an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office in New York) were ready to go to Atlanta, Georgia, next Monday (March 9, 1964), and Levison replied that they were ready. Levison asked if Jones had heard from Bayard (Rustin), and Jones replied that he had not heard from him. Levison remarked that it would appear as though Bayard is avoiding "us". Levison stated that when he spoke to Martin Luther King on Saturday (February 29, 1964), King told him that "maybe we should tell Bayard that the matter is being reconsidered". Levison also remarked that as he recalled the plan was to make the announcement on the first (of March) and that Bayard was to start on the 15th (of March). Levison and Jones agree that after all the discussion which took place on Saturday (with King) "the weight is still on the side of taking Bayard." (b)

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Stanley Levison  
was a secret member of the Communist Party, United  
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for  
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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With respect to the Bayard matter which is  
to be reconsidered, Bayard Rustin is scheduled  
to become Martin Luther King's representative  
in the north as of March 15, 1964.

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SUBJECT: CP, USA  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated March 4, 1964, and one copy for Atlanta. Two photographs of CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON are enclosed for Atlanta.

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6-Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 8) (RM)  
(1- 100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)  
(1- 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
(1- 100-3-104-34) (CP, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)  
1-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 3)  
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1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)  
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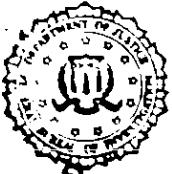
Agents who observed JONES, LEVISON, and KING  
on 2/29/64 were [REDACTED]

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Consistent with the maximum security being  
afforded this matter, the physical surveillance of  
JONES and LEVISON was not continued on the 16th  
floor of the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel.

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In Reply ~~To~~ Please Refer to  
File No. 63

New York, New York  
March 4, 1964

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Bu 100-3-116

Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C [REDACTED]

On February 28, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Levison stated that it is very important "we" contact Martin Luther King over the weekend. Levison inquired about King's plans, and Jones replied that King would arrive from Atlanta, Georgia, at 4:00 a.m. on February 29, 1964, and would remain until 5:00 p.m. Jones stated that King will stay at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel (Broadway and 34th Street, New York City). Jones also advised that King would be picked up at approximately 11:00 a.m. on February 29, 1964, by Rodman Rockefeller (a son of Governor Nelson Rockefeller) and driven to the luncheon meeting at Pocontico Hills, New York, which is in Westchester County. Levison said, "We must without fail talk to Martin (Luther King) tomorrow (February 29, 1964) and discuss the problem of the filibuster (in connection with civil rights legislation) and get the all important question of Bayard (Rustin) answered." / AR

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
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Levison mentioned that he had just finished a copy of the magazine "Progressive" and he said that it reflects that the civil rights organization, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, has, through its activities, in a large measure replaced the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in the eyes of the civil rights minded people. Continuing, Levison said that the "SCLC's failure can only be attributed to King's failure to have any definite plans on anything and also due to his complete lack of leadership ability." Levison stated that "we" must emphasize to King that the fact that he might raise \$25,000 from the Rockefellers tomorrow is not as important as the fact that King must take a stand on the filibuster in the Senate. Levison also said that it is possible that both the SCLC and the influence of King might be "second rate" in a short time unless we can get to King. Jones suggested that it might be well for him (Jones) to go to Atlanta with Levison next week to spend some more time in order to "shake King up." Levison agreed with this and suggested that they discuss it further. Levison and Jones agreed to meet with King at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on February 29, 1964.

On February 28, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Billy Rowe contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones said that he would make arrangements for Rowe (a New York public relations man who has been given the task of fund raising for King) to go with King tomorrow. He instructed Rowe to meet King at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel at 11:00 a.m. on February 29, 1964.

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

"The New York Times" of Sunday, March 1, 1964, contains an article on page 80, captioned "DR. KING, at ROCKEFELLER ESTATE, addresses URBAN LEAGUE RALLY." In this article, it was stated that a luncheon meeting took place at the Rockefeller estate, Pocontico Hills, New York, in order "to galvanize civic-minded Westchester residents into support of a \$50,000 fund-raising campaign in behalf of the Urban League of Westchester." According to the article, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), warned that if the public-accommodations and fair-employment provisions of the Civil Rights Bill were eliminated "it would be better to have no civil rights bill at all." It was also mentioned in the article that King criticized the stand which Senator Barry Goldwater has taken on states rights by saying "the states' should have rights but no state has the right to do wrong."

It was mentioned in the article that King addressed a racially mixed audience of ninety guests and thanked the Rockefeller family for its support of "human rights and human dignity." Rodman C. Rockefeller, a son of Governor Rockefeller and a member of the Board of the Westchester Urban League, was the luncheon host.

At 8:58 am on February 29, 1964, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Stanley Levison enter the lobby of the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City. He made inquiry at the registration desk for the room number of Dr. Martin King and was informed that King was in Room 1631. Levison waited in the lobby until 9:17 am then went on the elevator, which later stopped on the 16th floor.

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

At 9:18 am Clarence Jones was observed by Special Agents to enter the lobby of the hotel and immediately enter the hotel elevator. The elevator was observed to stop on the 16th floor.

Levison and Jones were observed by Special Agents of the FBI departing the hotel at 11:25 am.

At 11:41 am Reverend Martin Luther King was observed by Special Agents of the FBI to leave the hotel and depart in a waiting limousine.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) (b) [REDACTED]

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters

The LYL has been designated pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450.

With respect to Stanley Levison's  
reference to Bayard (Rustin), it is  
to be noted that Bayard Rustin is  
scheduled to begin on March 15, 1964,  
as Martin Luther King's representative  
in the north.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue  
of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1,  
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admitted joining the Young Communist  
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reportedly stated that he broke com-  
pletely with the YCL in June, 1941.

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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SUBJECT: CPUSA  
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Office.

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infiltration thereof. It is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of this informants in furnishing information of this nature.

With respect to the statement by Levison that "King should lean a little to the left since Red China will be admitted to the United Nations next year; that way King might be able to furnish the State Department with valuable information", the New York Office is not in possession of additional information indicating just what he meant.

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Communist Party, United  
States of America  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
Internal Security-C

On February 28, 1964, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Stanley Levison contacted Adele Cantor (an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Office) on that date. Levison instructed Cantor to type a note to Martin Luther King in order to advise him that "we" had planned a schedule of mailing to have the mail reach the recipients while the filibuster (in the Senate in connection with civil rights legislation) is in progress. He indicated in connection with this mailing that it is necessary to take into consideration the time which will be needed to handle the second class mail and the time the people will need in order to make a response. Levison also indicated that if they could get King's approval on this, they could move ahead on it. In their discussion, Cantor and Levison indicated they would be interested in mailing 60,000 of these letters. Levison suggested that in the future, it might be better to use the services of "an envelope house". He pointed out that an "envelope house" would probably require payment in advance, and that since "we" have not set up a system with Atlanta (office of the SCLC), there would be a delay in getting a check. [Redacted]

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of America, Negro Question,  
Communist Influence in Facial Matters

On February 24, 1968, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison conferred with an unknown male on that date. Levison took the opportunity to say that Bayard Rustin is scheduled to become the Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on March 10, 1968. He added, however, that this might not materialize. He said he had recently conferred with Reverend Martin Luther King, at which time King indicated he might change these plans because his mail had not favored his association with Bayard Rustin.

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New York, New York

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Re: Communist Party, USA  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

[A] confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on February 18, 1964 which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones told Levison that he had not gotten the cards (containing names and addresses of those people on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) mailing list), but he said he would call Ruth Bailey (who is an employee of the SCLC Office in New York) immediately. Levison stated that he had spoken to Joan Daves (who is the publisher's representative for Martin Luther King's forthcoming book), and he said that she was disturbed about the article (which King is writing) for "The Nation" because it is similar to the last chapter in King's book. Levison told Jones to contact King's secretary and have her send some copies of the article to him in order that he could go over the article with Joan Daves. [b]

[On] February 18, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Joan Daves told Clarence Jones that Martin Luther King's new book would be published by June 1st. Jones made an appointment to meet Joan Daves on February 20, 1964 at her office, 145 East 49th Street, Room 9B.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
for the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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to Executive Order 10450.

On February 18, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Joan Daves contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Daves stated that if "The Nation" article deals with the "same problems" as the book, then she will not be able to sell the material to the magazines for as much money. She said that she plans to sell or attempt to sell the advances to "Life" or "Post" ("Saturday Evening Post") and she hopes to get \$5000.00. Levison promised to attempt to get her a copy of the article which will appear in "The Nation" in order that she can change the article if she thinks it should be changed. (S)

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FROM ATLANTA 130120

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MATTERS. 16-8.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MISSED HIS SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO NEW YORK FOR TONIGHT. PLANS TO TAKE A 7:15 A.M. FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA TO NEW YORK ARRIVING AT 10 A.M. ON MARCH 14.

COCKTAILS AT NOON AT AMERICANA HOTEL, BANQUET AND AWARD  
FOR KING AT AMERICANA GRAND BALL ROOM AT 1 P.M. BY FEDERATION  
OF TEACHERS, NYC.

KING MEETING HARRY WACHTEL, CLARENCE JONES AND BAYARD RUSTIN IN HIS ROOM FROM 3 TO 4 P.M., MARCH 14 AND WILL SEE JACKIE ROBINSON AND AL DUCKETT FROM 4 TO 4:30 P.M.

WILL TELL THEM HE IS GOING BACK TO ATLANTA IN ORDER TO  
GET RID OF THEM IN 30 MINUTES. PLANS FOR NIGHT OF MARCH 14  
IN NYC ARE UNKNOWN.

LEAVING NEWARK AIRPORT ON 8 A.M. FLIGHT TO ATLANTA ON  
MARCH 15 AND ARRIVING ATLANTA AT 10:20 A.M.

NYC ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

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RE:            BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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                  SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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To: SACs, St. Louis  
Atlanta (100-6520)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

1 - Mr. Ryan  
1 - Mr. Forsyth

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Atlanta teletype 3/18/64 which, for information  
of St. Louis, contained the following:

"King is scheduled to go to St. Louis March 23  
next where he is scheduled to attend an unknown meeting at  
noon. He plans to go to St. Louis via Chicago and will  
leave Atlanta at 6:24 AM March 23 to arrive in Chicago at  
7 AM. He will leave Chicago at 9 AM on unknown flight and  
arrive at 10:40 AM March 23. King plans to return to Atlanta  
on March 24 and wants to leave St. Louis at 8 AM on unknown  
flight for Atlanta."

Re Bureau telephone call to St. Louis today which,  
for information of Atlanta, instructed that consideration be  
given to a highly clandestine and specialized coverage of King  
in St. Louis.

In order to assist St. Louis, Atlanta is instructed  
to be extremely alert to all available information bearing upon  
the St. Louis trip. Information received should be telephonically  
furnished St. Louis. Be particularly alert to information as  
to transportation plans, the hotel where King will stay,  
persons he will meet with or meetings he will attend, and  
companions possibly traveling with him.

(b) - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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Airtel to St. Louis

Atlanta

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

100-3-116

The Bureau is to be kept promptly advised of all developments.

This matter should be handled in the St. Louis Office on a strictly need-to-know basis.

5-113 (1-10-61)

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/12/64

By memorandum March 4, 1964, it was recommended and approved that on a confidential basis we advise [REDACTED] of Marquette University of the background and general activities of King. Attached is Milwaukee's letter reflecting the results of the contact with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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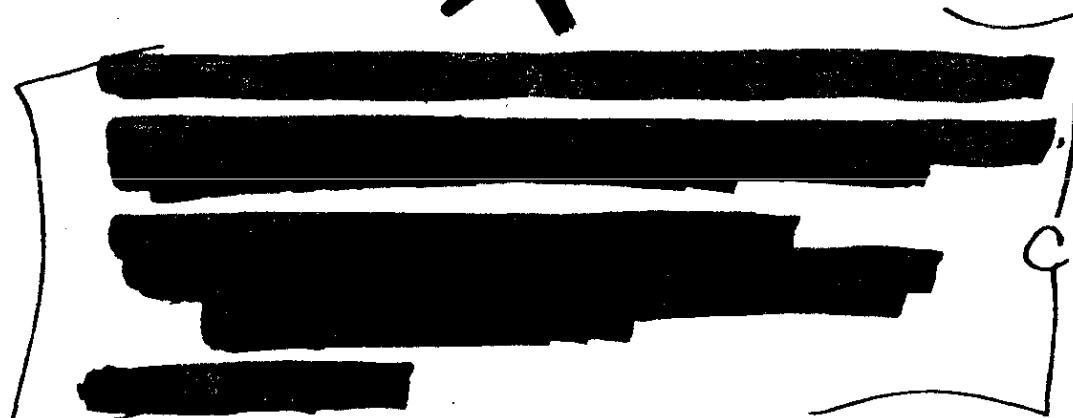
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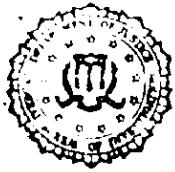


The NYO has pointed out in the past, that as a result of the NYO Counterintelligence Program action in regard to BAYARD RUSTIN, RUSTIN is now at the very least a controversial figure. The information here points out that RUSTIN is certainly a controversial figure among the Negro leadership at this point. Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING is not sure whether he should bring RUSTIN into the SCLC, although he considers RUSTIN very able.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified b(2) b7(D) secret because it contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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March 2, 1964

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Re: Communist Party,  
United States of America  
Negro Question  
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Internal Security - C

On February 27, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King on that date. King stated that he is of the opinion that it is advantageous to bring Bayard Rustin in (to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) ) and that he would hate to see Rustin's talent go to waste. King also remarked that he would hate "to see what Rustin can do for the SCLC and for me go out the window." King mentioned in regard to Rustin, that he feels the assets are so great that the liabilities may not matter. King said that he had discussed the matter with Harry (Wachtel) and that it was decided to have another talk with Rustin. According to King, Harry is to discuss the matter with Jones, and King suggested that they might set a time for the talk and that he (King) might come to New York before making the announcement (that Bayard Rustin will become associated with Martin Luther King as of March 15, 1964). King said that he wants to get

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"certain ground rules clear." King mentioned that "since we talked there is this report (of) active identification with this committee for Cuba." Jones stated that if Rustin comes into the SCLC, the question would be to what extent his associations would be under "controlled conditions." Jones indicated that Rustin had become a controversial figure in the civil rights movement because of his past associations.

Jones mentioned to King that he is quite surprised that Rustin has been so quiet in the past few weeks in connection with the school boycott matter even though he had played a leading role. Jones added that he had heard that some people around Galamison (Reverend Milton A. Galamison, Chairman of the Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools) have given the impression through "their narrow sectarian position that there may be some ultra-left people involved." Jones stated that in view of this, he was concerned about Rustin's position because if Rustin becomes associated with the SCLC, there might be a problem arising out of the school boycott which would complicate the problem further. Jones added that nothing has happened publicly in this regard.

Jones also mentioned that if King has been getting inquiries (in connection with Rustin), the decision about Rustin becomes a crucial one and has to be thought through carefully. Jones indicated that they should have an opportunity "to reconfirm" that bringing Rustin in is the correct thing to do. King stated that he would attempt to work out a time for a discussion, but he indicated that he did not think he would have an opportunity before March 15, inasmuch as he has other commitments in the South. King

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advised Jones that he would let him know about the time of the meeting.

King told Jones that Harry's feelings on Rustin are that he has great talent and that he is respected in the North, and that "this thing on the Russian Embassy didn't really do any damage," but "bounced back" on the newspapers. King stated that Harry is of the opinion that they should examine it again before making a final decision. Jones said his feelings are that "if it's about 50-50" he would resolve it in favor of not taking Rustin on, but he indicated that the assets would have to be weighed against the liabilities. King suggested that they all think about the situation. Jones mentioned that he thinks the political aspects of the civil rights movement might get "sharp" and the attacks on King may increase on this kind of a question as they, the right, seek to spread their influence in the presidential election period. King agreed, saying this gives them (the right) "one more weapon in their arsenal however false these things are" and that they are building up all of these things to get the minds of people off the main issue. King reiterated his desire to think about the situation and re-evaluate it.. King said that he would see if he could come to New York one day the following week. Jones said that he would be there on Saturday, and King said he would see him then.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for  
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City.

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Executive Order 10450.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue  
of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1,  
contains an article captioned "Thurmond  
Assails A Leader of March". The article  
stated that, in answer to charges by  
Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin  
admitted joining the Young Communist  
League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also  
reportedly stated that he broke completely  
with the YCL in June, 1941.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Executive Vice-President for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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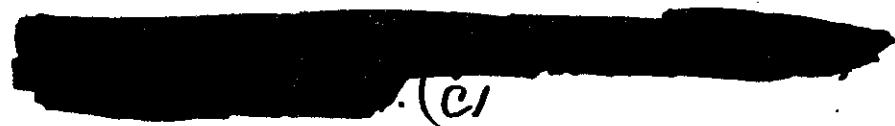
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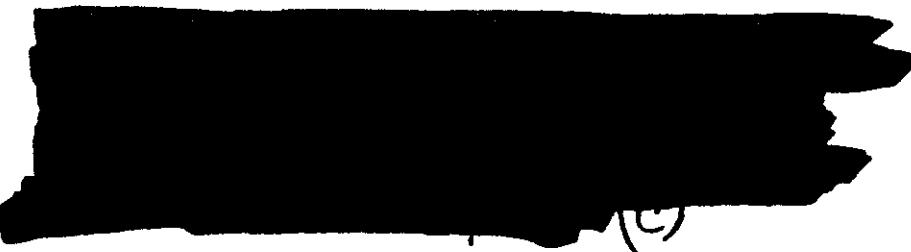
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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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With respect to King's reference to Saturday, it is to be noted that King was scheduled to appear at a fund raising luncheon, which is being sponsored by the Westchester County Urban League. The luncheon was scheduled for February 29, 1964 at 12:30 p.m. at Governor Rockefeller's Estate, Pocontico, Westchester County, New York.

The boycott of New York City Public Schools took place on February 3, 1964. It was a demonstration to protest the alleged racial imbalance in New York City Public Schools.

It is to be noted that Bayard Rustin was scheduled to speak at the Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba on February 26, 1964, but he indicated that, after giving the matter some thought, he would not speak.

On February 4, 1964, Bayard Rustin appeared at a cocktail party at the Soviet United Nations Mission.

A characterization of the Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba is attached.

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Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba

A source advised that on October 17, 1963, about 20 individuals representing various pro-Cuban organizations which have previously supported sending medical aid to Cuba, met at the apartment of Dr. Louis A. Miller, 340 West 28th Street, New York, New York, Apartment 19J, New York, New York, for the purpose of forming a committee to raise funds to assist hurricane "Flora" victims in Cuba. According to the informant the pro-Cuban organizations represented were the Jose Marti Club of the Bronx, New York, West Side Committee for Friendly Relations with Cuba, Casa Cuba, Fair Play for Cuba Committee and the former Medical Aid to Cuba Committee.

Literature distributed by the ECDRC at a later date reflected that the chairman of the committee is Sidney J. Gluck and the Medical Director Dr. Louis A. Miller. The committee's headquarters are at 41 Union Square West, Room 311, New York 3, New York, and its literature stated that the ECDRC is a non-profit organization to help Cuban victims of hurricane "Flora" by collecting funds for the purchase of food, medicine and relief supplies.

A second source advised that Sidney J. Gluck, whose real name is Isadore Glick, maintained a 1943 Communist Party (CP) membership book in his possession in 1944.

Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, stated in 1950 that as late as 1945 he was advised by Jack Stachel, CP leader, that Dr. Louis A. Miller was an active member of the CP.

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Sources of this Bureau, whose identities are concealed in this document have furnished reliable information in the past.

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# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

DATE 2/28/64

FROM SAC, HONOLULU (100-6313) (Enc)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
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Re Honolulu let 2/10/64.

Attached for the Bureau are 27 news articles or editorials from Honolulu Daily newspapers concerning the observance of Civil Rights Week by the University of Hawaii from February 17-20, 1964. Four Mainland speakers representing different organizations prominent in integration - segregation conflict spoke on the campus at Honolulu, Hawaii. There were JOHN ALI, National Secretary of the Nation of Islam, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING of the SCLC, JAMES FARMER of CORE, and WILLIAM J. SIMMONS of the White Citizens Council.

There was no indication of any Communist influence during the observance.

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- 3 - New York (info) (RAM)
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies  
of a letterhead memorandum dated 3/13/64, and one copy is  
enclosed for Atlanta.

Source used in this letterhead memorandum is  
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United States of America -  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
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On March 12, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Clarence Jones, on that date, stated that Martin Luther King would be at the Americana Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 52nd Street, New York City, on Saturday (March 14, 1964). Jones mentioned that he has an appointment to see King at the hotel on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

The "New York World Telegram and The Sun" on March 10, 1964, contains an article captioned "Negro Leader to Address UFT." According to this article, Reverend Martin Luther King will be the principal speaker at the annual spring luncheon conference of the United Federation of Teachers, Saturday in the Hotel Americana. It was stated that about 2500 persons are expected to attend the luncheon, at which King will receive the federation's annual John Dewey Award.

The "New York Post" of March 10, 1964, contains an article captioned "John Dewey Award Will Go to Martin Luther King." According to the article, Martin Luther King will receive this year's John Dewey Award at the annual luncheon conference of the United Federation of Teachers, Local 2, to be held March 14, at the Americana Hotel. The theme of the conference, according to the article, is "Educational Count-down, New Directions for Teacher Action."

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SAC, New York (100-152553)

3-18-64

Director, FBI (62-169234)

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HERMINA POPPER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
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1 - Mr. Mack

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DATE 11-19-64 BY SP4 JBR/mlu

ReBursirtel 2-5-64 "Herminie Popper, Miscellaneous - 6076  
Information Concerning (Subversive Control)" which pointed  
out that subject had been engaged to edit a forthcoming  
book by Martin Luther King, Jr. You were instructed to  
immediately take steps to identify the subject after which  
a check was to be made of your indices and contact had  
with appropriate sources and informants to determine if  
subject may be engaged in subversive activities. Results  
were to be submitted with a statement as to any further  
action contemplated.

By letter 3-5-64 you advised of information  
indicating that Herminie Popper resides at 25 West 54th  
Street, New York City, and also has a residence at 240  
Rosedale Avenue, White Plains, New York. This information  
was from a sensitive source and obtained in reference to a  
contact by Popper with Stanley Levison. It is set out that  
according to the Manhattan Telephone Directory there is a  
Mrs. Robert Popper at the indicated Manhattan address and a  
Robert L. Popper at the White Plains address. Files of your  
office failed to contain any additional information as to  
subject's identity and contacts with 12 security informants  
failed to reveal Popper to be engaged in subversive activities.  
You advised that, in view of Popper's being unknown to the  
informants, your office contemplates no additional action.

The Bureau desires that further effort be made to  
identify the subject through checks with established  
reliable credit and police agencies and such other sources  
available to your office. Because of Popper's obvious close  
association to King and Levison, it is necessary that we  
know something more about her.

1 - 100-3-116 (Communist Influence in Racial Matters)  
1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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Letter to New York  
RE: HYMIE POPPER  
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By communication, to be received at the  
Bureau no later than 15 days from date of instant  
letter, furnish additional available information fully  
identifying subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/5/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-152553)

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SUBJECT: HERMINE POPPER  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING  
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

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Re Bureau airtel dated 2/5/64.

On 12/18/63, one HERMINE POPPER (phonetic) was in contact with STANLEY D. LEVISON regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING's book. LEVISON inquired as to when it would be convenient for them to get together, prompting POPPER (phonetic) to say that she was then in her apartment at 25 West 54th Street, New York, NY. They agreed that LEVISON would see her the next day at her home in White Plains, NY, at 240 Rosedale Avenue.

The Manhattan Telephone Directory lists a Mrs. ROBERT POPPER at 25 West 54th Street, New York, NY, and the Westchester Telephone Directory lists a ROBERT L. POPPER at 240 Rosedale Avenue, White Plains, NY.

The files of the NYO fail to contain additional information as to the identity of HERMINE POPPER.

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In view of the fact that POPPER is unknown to the aforementioned sources of the NYO, the NYO is not contemplating additional action in this case.

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Unrecorded serial dated 3/9/64 pulled from this file  
under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis  
Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 16, 1964

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Chairman Ed Willis (D-La.) of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) called me on 3-12-64. He stated that former Governor Tuck of Virginia and Judge Howard Smith, Chairman of the Rules Committee of the House, had been to see him to inquire into the possibilities of the Director being subpoenaed before the HCUA to testify regarding the captioned individual. Chairman Willis told me that Judge Smith had apparently received information indicating that the Director had discussed the captioned individual on an off-the-record basis with the Rooney Subcommittee. Willis continued that he knew it would be improper to subpoena the Director; however, he would like to talk to me about the matter.

I told Chairman Willis in complete confidence that the Director had made a number of off-the-record remarks in answer to questions posed by the Rooney Subcommittee; however, this, of course, was privileged information and we are not at liberty to discuss the matter. I told him that he had in his own files considerable information concerning Hunter Pitts O'Dell and his relationship with Martin Luther King and he might desire to do a little research in this regard. He stated he would do this; however, he wondered about the remarks concerning King. I told him that King was certainly no lily of the valley; however, I felt that we could make no comment at this particular time.

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Chairman Willis asked me about the timing of exposing King. He stated that it would undoubtedly hurt the Democratic Party to do so before the political conventions this summer. I told him he was in a far better position to judge this matter than I was. He then ventured the opinion that it would be better to wait until after the Presidential campaign before doing anything on King.

Chairman Willis called me back twice between 7 and 8:30 p.m. on the night of 3-12-64. I was out at the time but returned his call at 9 p.m. He was not home. He called me at 8:40 p.m. the next morning, 3-13-64. At that time, he asked if I would see Judge Smith at either 11 a.m. or 3 p.m., 3-13-64. I told him I would be glad to; however, there was little that could be said. Chairman Willis reminded me

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1 - Mr. Jones

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that Judge Smith was one of the most powerful men on the Hill and added that it would do him (Willis) a great deal of good if I could just see Judge Smith for a few moments and discuss the King matter. I told him I would be glad to do this.

Calvin Haley, Judge Smith's Administrative Assistant, called at 10:30 a.m., 3-13-64 and asked me to see Judge Smith at 3:15 p.m. that afternoon.

Upon seeing Judge Smith, he told me that he was seriously disturbed about the fact that there appeared to be considerable derogatory information about King and apparently no one in the Congress was taking steps to advise the general public of this matter. He stated he thought this should be done. He added that he was not trying to grind an ax in behalf of a move to stop civil rights legislation but to the contrary felt that it was morally wrong for this alleged spiritual leader of 10,000 Negroes to be a follower of the communists [REDACTED] yet hold considerable influence over the Negroes in America.

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Judge Smith told me that he had heard of the Director's remarks before the Rooney Subcommittee and that as we well knew, remarks made off the record are not very well held on Capitol Hill. I told Judge Smith that the remarks made by the Director had been privileged and that we, of course, were not at liberty to discuss them with anyone else. I told him of the documented information concerning King in House Committee files and that I had suggested to Chairman Willis that he might like to dig this information up. I told Judge Smith also that despite our desire to see this scoundrel exposed, it would be out of the question for us to furnish him information and then his expecting us to back it up later on. I told Judge Smith that this would disrupt certain operations which appeared to be more important than an exposure of King from a communistic standpoint.

b7(c) Judge Smith asked if he could receive information concerning King [REDACTED] I told him that the time might come in the near future when the Director would want me to furnish him certain information on a strictly confidential basis; however, at this time, I felt sure he could understand that substantial evidence was needed before anyone spoke out in this regard. Judge Smith stated that he would be glad to make a speech on the Floor of the House at any time concerning King [REDACTED] He pointed out that this would offer immunity to him and to [REDACTED]

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newspapers who might desire to quote his remarks. I mentioned to Judge Smith that obviously King needed to be exposed, however, reiterated that we were not at liberty to furnish him any information at this time.

Judge Smith stated that he would respect our confidence in this matter. He asked concerning the Director and requested that his best regards be extended.

Judge Smith is an honorable reputable Congressman. His word carries great weight on the Hill. It may be that after a period of time the Director might desire to have me furnish Judge Smith with information concerning King [REDACTED] [REDACTED] so that he can make a speech on the Floor of the House regarding this matter. Undoubtedly newspapers all over the Nation would pick this story up. b7(c)

ACTION:

For information.

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Someone [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] Committee certainly betrayed the secrecy of the record's testimony. I gave re this: I do not want anything on King given to [REDACTED] or anyone else at that time.

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3-13-64

Airtel

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
(Field Supervision)

1 - Mr. Forsyth

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To: SACs, Tampa (157-140)  
Atlanta (100-6520)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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ReATradiogram, 3-6-64, which advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Cotton and other officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference departed Atlanta 1:30 P.M., 3-6-64, en route Orlando, Florida. It was stated that Tampa was telephonically advised.

ReTPairtel 3-10-64, copies to Atlanta and New York, "Martin Luther King, Jr., SL-C; CPUSA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, IS-C" which forwarded a "Secret" letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date bearing the King caption. Prior to the dissemination of the LHM certain matters need clarification.

(1) Paragraph 2, page 1, of the LHM states that according to records of the San Juan Hotel, Orlando, as made available by the Manager, Dorothy Cotton registered in the Hotel 3-5-64 whereas King and others in the Party apparently registered 3-6-64. If Cotton did, in fact, not depart Atlanta for Orlando until 3-6-64, the registration for her 3-5-64 would appear to be an error. Tampa must clarify this matter and if necessary obtain further information from Atlanta.

1 - New York (100-151543)

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(2) The last page of the LHM (Number 6), except for the Bureau property caveat, is devoted exclusively to information [redacted] a confidential source.

[redacted] is reported as having advised [redacted] that King would be in Orlando 3/6/64 and as having reported [redacted]

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[redacted], was unable to furnish any additional information. It appears to the Bureau that the information [redacted] adds nothing to the LHM in light of all the other information contained in the LHM concerning King's activities in Orlando as appearing in the press. The Bureau is, therefore, deleting page 6 of the LHM and adding the Bureau property stamp to page 1. Receiving offices should do likewise. U

(3) Page 4 of the LHM, paragraph 3, line 2— typographical error being corrected in "springkling." U

(4) The LHM is classified "Secret" and the reason given in the cover airtel is that such classification is in accordance with Bureau instructions. The Bureau did not issue any instructions to Tampa relative to classifying the LHM and it is believed that Tampa possibly misinterpreted instructions emanating from Atlanta. It appears to the Bureau that the LHM does not merit any classification higher than "Confidential" and possibly no classification whatsoever. Because Tampa's classification is likely the result of instructions from Atlanta, Atlanta should immediately furnish its views to Tampa after which a reassessment should be made of the classification by Tampa. Tampa should then advise the Bureau as to classification along with the advice desired in Item Number 1 above. U

Both offices should give this matter expeditious attention as dissemination of the LHM is being held in abeyance. U

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1 - Mr. Forsyth

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To: SAC, New York (100-151548)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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Reurairtel 3/13/64, copy to Atlanta, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date classified "Secret."

The LHM summarizes 2 3/10/64 newspaper articles concerning the presence of Martin Luther King, Jr., in New York City, 3/14/64 to receive an award given by a teachers group at the Americana Hotel. The only other substantive information contained in the LHM is that from a highly sensitive source indicating that Clarence Jones had an appointment to see King at the Americana at 3 P.M. apparently just after King received the award. On the basis of this information from the highly sensitive source, the LHM was classified "Secret."

The Bureau is not disseminating referenced LHM. New York is instructed to resubmit an LHM which should be devoted exclusively to the information in the newspapers concerning the award King received. Such LHM should not be classified. As to the information concerning the Jones-King meeting on 3/14/64, give consideration to including same in any LHM submitted by your office concerning King's activities in New York City 3/14-15/64, in which connection it is noted that your office was telephonically advised by the Atlanta Office on 3/11 and 13/64 concerning King's plans for his weekend in New York City.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

March 6, 1964

Mr. P. J. Baumgardner

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 1-Mr. Sullivan  
 1-Mr. McGowen  
 1-Mr. Pless

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

MEMO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS [REDACTED] b7c  
INRIMINAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

This informative memorandum recommends dissemination to the White House and the Attorney General of the latest information regarding the continuing close tie between Martin Luther King, Jr., and Stanley David Levison, including their apparent personal meeting 2/28/64.

[REDACTED] advised on 2/28/64 that in a contact between Levison and Clarence Jones (frequent intermediary between Levison and King) on that date, Levison stated that it was very important that Levison and Jones meet with King in New York City the same day to discuss the problem of a filibuster in connection with civil rights legislation and to have settled the question of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) hiring Bayard Rustin. (Rustin was the Deputy Director of the 8/28/63 March on Washington, has had a history of communist connections and is presently being considered for the position of Northern Coordinator for the SCLC.) Physical surveillance by our Agents 2/28/64 developed that at 8:58 a.m. Levison entered the lobby of the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, New York City, made inquiry to King's room and was told it was number 1631. At 9:17 a.m. Levison boarded an elevator which stopped on the 16th floor. At 9:18 a.m. Jones boarded an elevator which also stopped on the 16th floor. At 11:25 a.m. Levison and Jones departed the Hotel and at 11:41 a.m. King departed.

During the 2/28/64 contact between Levison and Jones, Levison mentioned the belief in some quarters that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee is replacing the SCLC in the eyes of civil rights-minded people. Levison stated that the SCLC's failure to hold its position should be attributed to King's failure as a leader. Jones suggested to Levison that it might be well for the two of them to go to Atlanta in order to "shake King up." b7d

[REDACTED] advised that on 2/28/64 Levison told an unidentified individual that he, Levison, had recently conferred with King, at which time King indicated that the SCLC might change its plans regarding

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 100-158750 (Bayard Rustin)

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Bayard Rustin because King was receiving mail revealing a disfavor relative to the King-Rustin association. (It is apparent that this expression on the part of King was after he had conferred with Levison in the early morning of 2/28/64.) Relative to the possibility of the SCLC not hiring Rustin as originally planned, you will recall that after Rustin received much publicity for participating in the 2/3/64 public school boycott in New York City the newspapers exposed Rustin's communist connections by publicizing Rustin's visit to the Soviet Mission of the United Nations (NYT 2/4/64). This was as the result of a counter-intelligence activity initiated by the Bureau.

On 2/28/64 Levison also told the unidentified individual that he, Levison, was of the opinion that King should "lean a little to the left since Red China will be admitted to the UN next year; that way King might be able to furnish the State Department with valuable information."

OBSERVATIONS:

We are recommending advising the White House and the Attorney General of the high lights of the above information, with the exception of the last item concerning Red China's admission to the UN and King's ability to help the State Department. This particular item is not clear as to meaning and the New York Office, which received it, advised that it had no additional information to clarify the item. By separate letter we will instruct New York and Atlanta to be particularly alert to any further information on that item and when we receive sufficient & indicate a clear meaning, appropriate dissemination will be consi

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached letter to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, containing the high lights of above information go forward.

(2) Attached letter to the Attorney General, with copies to the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Marshall and Yeagley, containing the high lights of the above information go forward.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 26, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: THE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

In accordance with approval of my memorandum of February 26, 1964, I called Marshall and told him that we saw no need for him to prepare any memorandum especially for us reflecting the results of his and Ed Guthman's meeting with Claghorn of Atlanta who is writing a story for "The Saturday Evening Post."

I reiterated our position and stated that a stop ought to be put to circulating this lie concerning a Bureau leak of information. Marshall repeated what he had previously said to the effect that there was no indication from his conversation with Claghorn that this information or story came from anyone at the Bureau in Washington. Marshall said he got the definite understanding that Claghorn had picked up his information in the field from someone in the Bureau in the Atlanta area but he was sure Claghorn obviously wasn't going to disclose his source but would stand his ground as a newspaperman.

Marshall is still a liar in that he has specifically agreed to stop that leak and the information.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

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Reference is made to my memorandum of February 25, 1964, copy of which is attached, referring to the conversation I had with Mr. Marshall in which it was indicated that the Director had received information that the Bureau had leaked information to a reporter concerning Martin Luther King's background and that I wanted Marshall to know that this story was "a goddamn lie" and we didn't appreciate it.

*Purp.*  
At the time Marshall was advised of this, it is recalled he said that such a story was around and he believed that Guthman had been talking to DeLoach about it and that as a matter of fact he, Marshall, and Guthman were visited by Reese Claghorn concerning a story which he was writing for "The Saturday Evening Post."

It was also indicated that Marshall was of the opinion Claghorn was fishing for information but at the same time it was obvious he knew a great deal about Levison and King. Marshall stated there was no indication he had gotten this information from anybody at the Bureau in Washington and it appears that he, Claghorn, had picked up this information in the field in the Atlanta area.

With reference to the above, Marshall called me this morning and stated that he had not written anything concerning his conversation with Claghorn and had made no record of it, but that if the Director wanted to have this in writing he would be very glad to prepare a memorandum covering his conversation with Claghorn.

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I made no commitment and advised him that I would be in touch with him later in the event any further action was needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

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*W/* If approved, I will call Marshall back and tell him we saw no need for him to prepare a memorandum especially for us to cover his meeting with Claghorn and Ed Guthman. I will indicate that our only purpose in calling him was to let him know that the story about the FBI having leaked information was as I had previously indicated and I was calling merely to let him know that this was our position.

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Enclosure  
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*A/ & also I do not appreciate his circulating a lie concerning the Rev. - &*

February 25, 1964

MR. BELMONT:

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In line with the conversation I had with DeLoach, I called Burke Marshall and told him that the Director had received information that the Bureau had leaked information to a reporter concerning Martin Luther King's background and that I was calling because I wanted him to know that this story was "a goddamn lie," and we didn't appreciate it.

Ed Marshall said he knew that such a story was around and he believed that Guthman had been talking to DeLoach about it and that as a matter of fact he had been visited by Reese Claghorn of the "Atlanta Journal" and that he and Guthman got this visit from Claghorn who was writing a story for "The Saturday Evening Post."

From the questions asked and from the fishing that Claghorn did during the course of this interview, it was obvious that he knew a great deal about Levison and King. Marshall said that he knew Claghorn was fishing and that the Director should be advised that there was no indication that he had gotten this information from anybody at the Bureau at Washington. Marshall said it appears that he had picked up this information in the field in the Atlanta area.

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I advised that insofar as the Bureau is concerned that our position stood as I indicated that certainly no one in the Bureau had given this information to anyone on the outside.

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A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Marshall is aware.  
He specifically made  
these statements to B. Brad.  
leaked information  
on King to the press that he  
Marshall personally knew it

February 19, 1964

MR. HOOVER:

In connection with the Departmental file on Martin Luther King which Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall sent to the White House hurriedly on the night of 2/17/64, it is understood that the file has now been returned to the Department with the following answer:

"Due note has been taken of the attached file. Your interest, and that of the Attorney General, in bringing this information to our attention is appreciated.

"While it is presumed that the Attorney General is cognizant of the contents of this file, you may wish to make certain that he is fully aware of the Reverend King's propensities, particularly in view of newspaper accounts in July, 1963, quoting the Attorney General as stating, 'There is no evidence,' that Reverend King, or any of the other top leaders of the civil rights groups is a communist, or communist controlled."

Respectfully,

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